Remsen, July , 1865

My dear cousin Lizzie

What a commotion was made when Uncle Nathaniel's good letter, and your representative dropped in among us, you ought to have seen it! I was ironing at the time, and though I gave myself great credit for not leaving my work to answer your note immediately, I must confess that some wrinkles dried into the clothes, as every now and then they were left spread out on the table, while I stole away to get a fresh peep at your sweet face.

Each of us girls tried to claim you as a nearer relative than the rest, by saying "I believe she looks like me" "No, she don't, she looks like me" &c. but Lizzie, I carried the palm, for when we showed the likeness to baby, he said it was "Thithy", as he calls me, and you know the proverb, Children and fools always

speak the truth. Quite a number of our friends have said that you resemble Jennie, but cousin Alexander had the good sense to remark that you looked some like me. I thanked him, and said I ~~had~~ could not get many to say so, and he replied that you certainly did. A doubtful compliment ~~to~~ to yourself I am afraid you will think, when you have seen my face, but console yourself with the thought that "resemblance and beauty are not always coincident."

Indeed, dear cousin, I thank you <u>very</u> much for your photograph, and gladly concede to your wish and return you mine. I also send you one of Eddie's, your father's namesake. Will you not write to him sometime, but don't tell him I asked you to, let him think his likeness brought it. He left it, when he was home, for you, so you see it is his gift, not mine. He says he will never be illustrious as a letter writer, indeed he has such a modest estimate of his abilities

in that line, that there is no danger of his begin=ning a correspondence, but I know he would prize a letter, and I think he would answer it.

We think Uncle's and cousins' photographs very good indeed. I was not home when Mr. Thomas brought them, so I did not see the commotion they made, but they were shown me the very first thing when I arrived. We study the features very often, and are fast getting acquainted, but dear me, I cannot feel satisfied with just seeing your portraits. I want to see and know you all. This world does seem to me most inconveniently large.

I must tell you what a time I had trying to see Rev. J. Thomas Liverpool. I was very anxious to see him, because he had brought over the cartes from Uncle N's and I thought he would tell us something about you all.

Eddie and I went to attend the anniversa=ries at Whitestown Sem. where brother Butler used to teach. I staid awhile to

visit a friend, and in that way missed
hearing him and Rev. C. Jones when they
were in our neighborhood. I intended
however to stop at a place called Bathania
on my way home, as they were to attend
a Quarterly meeting held there on the day
I had fixed upon ~~for~~ my return. I was coming
stopped to make same
through Utica, and ~~started from~~ cousin Mary's
an half an hour tw for the ~~Ut~~ train
in ~~season to take the morning train (there~~
~~are but two running on our route)~~ ~~but~~
~~stopped making~~ purchases till it was high-
never go
time to ~~hurry~~ to the depot, ~~that~~ as I was going
hurrying down the street I missed a
and knew I must have at
parcel, ~~that I~~ had left ~~in the counter~~ in
After I secured
a music store several rods above. ~~I went~~
~~that I~~ After going back for I went back and found it then started
again for the depot
~~back for it then~~, ~~retraced my~~ steps as nearly on
to get
a run as I dared ~~get~~ in a city. but despite
comfortable
my haste I had the pleasure of seeing the
when I was
cars move off ~~just as~~ ~~got~~ within a stone's
throw of the track. Father told me once when
"Well my girl,
I had been similarly served that disappoint=
ments ~~are~~ good for us." But I was not philosophical
consider
enough just then to ~~remember~~ it I tried in
other way to go by which I might
~~every way~~ to devise some ~~way~~ to reach there
refer on
and at length decided to ~~take~~ the stage to Whites
started afoot
town and walk from there. ~~I had~~ ~~started~~ Being told
some one would come into the depot to

Utica March 1. 1860

Dear Sister Anna;

I have but this one sheet of paper, and one envelope left of those I brought from home, so I will dedicate them to you. Uncle gave me the enclosed receipt to send to Father ~~several~~ two or three days since, but I have not felt very well and consequently neglected it. My nervous system has given out some the last few days. but I cannot tell as I am losing ground very much yet. have felt quite miserably a part of the time, and have feared that I must give up. I am afraid too to leave <u>now</u>, for fear of losing what has already been gained. Dr. Says Lottie appears to him

better than she has for months. She coughs comparatively little & what she raises is mostly frothy matter from the stomach. Has no fever spells now. Is troubled very much with nausea. & this I suppose makes her irritable. She is really quite sick does not sit up but little. With the exception of one night I have been up from two to five or six times, or more every night since coming down. Aunt or Uncle has to get up frequently in the night to keep the fire going down stairs. So you see our task is not an easy one. I think it might be some easier if. —— but perhaps I should feel differently if I ~~were~~ quite well myself. I think Lettie may get well, but I do not

know as she will, —
But to turn the Story, How are you my dear? I am feeling quite homesick to see you. Are you gaining any? does that toothache trouble you still? Does Mr. Glidden come every week. How did the children's concert come off? Did you play for them? I go every Sabbath to the first church. I like the organ music very much, and it always makes me think of you and the time when you too will be playing on an organ, somewhere. Last sabbath eve, we had a very beautiful and eloquent discourse delivered by Rev. Geo. P. Boardman of Rochester, before the Young men's Christian Association

Friday noon. The clouds have cleared up some. Lettie is a great deal better today. Dr. said this morn, if the weather continued favorable, she would be able to ride out before long. I feel some better than I did yesterday, and though I still endorse all I then said, I do not feel it in my bones so much today. Uncle and all of us children except Aunt & Lettie went to the Welsh Festival last eve. Had a very pleasant time. — Uncle Aunt & cousins are all very kind and I am enjoying my stay here very much, only that my strength is giving ~~I~~ out some, considerably. Will try to write again soon. Do write soon and tell me how you all are. Yourself especially

Yours in love Mary

Remsen. Aug. 14. /67.

Dear Anna;

I suppose you have reached the end of that long thought of and long dreaded journey ere this. Tired you must be, but I hope not so much so that you cannot rest. Hope Eddie will hold your hands tonight so as to give you some of his vitality. We shall look with much anxiety for a letter. Were pleased to get one last night from Utica and to know that you were pretty comfortable after going so far.—

How well I should have liked to have gone with you! Did you suffer any with the heat. The rain here yesterday made it much pleasanter

Please give a great deal of love to Mrs. Butler and all yourselves included, affectionately
May.—

Good night, go to sleep my dear, I hope you will rest well.—

than before. Did you have a comfort=
able bed and good rest in Springfield
and did you get so good a breakfast
as Hattie had when they were there?
How did you get over the last six
miles of the road? I have been
dreading that for you all the
afternoon. Did not think so par=
ticularly about it before. If I re=
member rightly, the road is not so
rough as that from Boonville to Smin.
The scenery is fine, but Sarah and
Eddie had to do all the enjoying of
that for you probably as you must
have been very weary. —

How did you find Mrs. Butler? well
I hope. You were glad I know to see
her again and I hope you will have
ever so good a visit. –

I hope you will have a letter from
home tomorrow night. maybe not till
Friday. We sent one this morning. —

How do Eddie and Sarah get along?
Mother got the milk ready for churning
today. Thomas churned and I made the
butter. Had good [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] and brought home some paper
and ink, and is now writing from
a copy which I have set for him.
His is entertaining company, in the
parlor I hear some music. Jennie
has gone to bed, also baby and Robbie
Father in the study, Mother lying down upon bed
Mr. Phillips in his room. — I don't know
whether Lis will go to Whitesboro tomorrow
or not [illegible] I think [illegible]
Ironing is well along, white things
mostly ironed, also flannels. I helped
iron this afternoon — Am feeling

much better though not very strong. I made beds and swept chambers today, and ~~Idell~~ washed dishes after dinner while Thomas wiped them — we are getting along well so far, Mother is feeling better. That letter from Utica did us all lots of good. —

Baby and I went over to H. Jones this forenoon and had "a back". Baby was delighted. — Mrs. Jones was very glad that you had reached Utica so comfortably. —

When I read that letter I wished that I could just take hold of your hand and see if they were not hot. — O, Anna dear, I wish I knew just how tired you are tonight, but I believe you are in good hands and I hope you will soon be stronger and fatter too. Twenty pounds more would be quite an improvement. Hope Elizabeth and the children will be home soon

I wish Eddie would call on the Homoeopathic physician in N. Hampton and inquire of him the name of some firm in Boston where Homoeopathic medical works are sold and let me know that I may send for a list of prices. — I believe books are cheaper in Boston than here in N. York.

[illegible] kept [illegible] so change the greater part [illegible] Thomas N.G. Eddie?

Home, Aug. 15, 1867.

Dear Sister Emma

It is almost bedtime
Father and Mother have already retired
but I must write a few words to
you that you may have at least this
letter before you & family are settled
in your new home. How much I
would give to know how you are
feeling tonight. If you went straight
through you have been in Sou-
thampton one day and are I hope
getting a little rested. Or are
you feeling more and more
tired every minute? It will
not last long I hope. Can you

hav't any ripe apples yet. I went out today to see if those had fallen which we were looking at last Sunday. The three were still on the tree. Mother, Bobbie, baby and I picked some peas this evening for breakfast. They are just nice now. We all wish so much that you could have had some before you went. I haven't picked any raspberries since you went, & we have had 4 blackberries from our bushes. Baby, Bobbie, Father and I were the favored ones. —
Sis went to Mt. Vernon today. She took the P. M. train. Finished ironing this morning. Tell Sarah the butter was ever so soft, but never mind, we will try to do better next time. —

I rec'd a very kind letter from Dr. Jones this evening in answer to the one I wrote before you went away.

He advises me by all means to go to [illegible]
N. Y. this fall. He says, "if you attend
a course of lectures this coming
winter, and one the next and read
during the interval, I will warrant
you to be as well posted as most
physicians male or female!"
Don't you think that rather flattering?
still he seems to think any amount
of knowledge will not avail much
without a sufficiency of brass.
He thinks my "remissness in that
respect will soon wear off." Probably
he thinks the brass is not far
below the surface! How is it
Anna, are you going to be ready
to go with me to N. Y. this fall?
Dr. J. says, "Anna had better not take
the chain more than a week."
He [illegible] in a great hurry, intends to
start next Tuesday. He did not say
whether he meant not take it twice
a day or not take it at all more

Perhaps you had better not take it more than twice a week, or perhaps it would be best to take the 200. I will send you some Lycopodium in this also some Meredith's pills in case you get very desperate.—

Hope we will get a letter tomorrow night from Springfield. We were disappointed in not getting one tonight, we shall look for one from N.Y. Saturday night. and hope you will get ones Friday, Saturday and Monday. Good night now, my dear, Sleep well, Love is all for your affectionate sister

Mary C. Emmett.

[illegible] Aug. 19. 18[illegible]

Dear Anna

I believe I will write one more letter to you before writing [illegible] [illegible] for in all probability when this reaches you she may be at the mountains. How are you feeling by this time? getting somewhat rested I hope. We were much relieved to get a letter from Eddie Saturday saying that you had reached there in safety and especially to know that your appetite was good on your journey. That I thought could not be if excitement was all that kept you up. Hope you will gain now even as fast. — The people in church were all enquiring yesterday if we had

heard from you, and seemed about as glad as we at the favorable report. Hope we shall have another letter tonight. Suppose Em and the children will be home tomorrow and Hattie will see her old sleepmate again. Sarah must remember to answer the children's letters in poetry as they are *[counting]* much on it.—

George Wolfe and Sarah drove in the yard the day after you started. They were on their way to Charley's and called to enquire what had become of you all. they were all well, had just finished haying.

Have you had much rain there the last few days? We have a good deal. Some heavy showers yesterday, with a great deal of thunder and lightning. It made us think of you. This afternoon we found that the milk was all ready for churning so after milking Jenny went at it,

and the letter came in less than three quarters of an hour — I hope it will be better than the last. I must go and make the fire so you may rest a little while. —

[illegible] and Father, Samuel Williams called this evening. I went to see her and have just returned. She is quite smart now.

I have not been down to inquire about those seats, but I believe they are to be sold and a mark [illegible] made for the month. When you write be sure to tell how Elizabeth is. —

This morning Father went to the village and Mr. [illegible] told him that he had heard from the money [illegible] had taken — Mr. Lewis wrote to Williams and he got the P.O. order and check and sent them down. Mr Lewis came there to Father and gave the balance saying that this affair had caused him more trouble

of mind that it could have caused Father. We have heard nothing more from the other. —

I must close now as the rest have all gone to bed. —

I had a letter tonight from Annie Owens saying that the huckleberries are getting ripe and we had better go the Thursday or Friday. If we can go. Good night with love to you and all. We had no letter from N. H. tonight. I had one from Annie [illegible] [illegible] married. She is at her father's now. — Poor child how my heart aches for her. Hope we shall have a letter from you tomorrow night.

Your loving sister

May.

Brooklyn Nov 9. 1861.

Dear Annie,

I wonder if Sis will allow me to skip over her letter and answer yours first. I have been pretty busy the last week, and have been too careful of myself to write evenings. I usually retire as early as eight or nine. do not study at all evenings. Indeed I do not think I shall study much this winter only enough to fix the lectures in my minds. I have been taking it pretty easy since coming down, and have got fairly rested at last, Indeed am feeling much better, [illegible]

He might take a con[illegible] and mornings for a few days. I am very sorry indeed to hear of David's illness. I hope he will get better. I suppose a con- would do him good, but probably they would not wish to give him any thing aside from Drs. prescription. How does Mrs. Thomas get along. Have you given her that little bottle yet? How is Carrie? I feel as if I were owing her quite a debt. My love to all my friends.

Mary.

I am very very glad to hear so good a report from you.

[illegible] at night and then [illegible]

I have enjoyed the lectures very much thus far, and think this will be a very profitable winter. We have no lectures on Saturday, but I went over to the Col. today to go with one of the Prof. and several of the ladies to the dispensary. It will be of great benefit to us to see practice in this way. We are to go once a [illegible] to the dispensary for an hour and oftener if we have time; and once a week, cases come to the College for treatment. These are called cliniques and the lectures which accompany them are called clinical lectures.

It is very pleasant indeed for me to board here, I feel so perfectly at home, and then I think it will be much better for my health, I start with Thomas in the morning at seven; ride to the ferry, alone

Lizzie sends love. I suppose [illegible] would but she has gone to bed.

miles. Then the ride on the water is
to me exceedingly delightful. I believe
[illegible] it more and more every day
[illegible] I enjoy every thing with more
[illegible] now than before coming [illegible]
because I am feeling so much better.
The walk on the N.Y. side is about
a mile and three quarters. It is more
[illegible]. There are cars to be
had should the weather become
too severe, and if it should prove
to [illegible] too much of a journey in the
winter I can get board at the
[illegible] for Working women on
Elizabeth St. That home seems
[illegible] filling up with [illegible]
class of boarders. One or two from
our Coll. and several from the
Academy of Design at Cooper
Institute are securing there. They
are very much pleased with the
place and accommodations.
[illegible] you see my prospects are

We are having quite cold [illegible] this week.

bright for the winter. —

I have had a great time trying to hunt up Maria [illegible] I had the No. 223 E. 12th St. when it should have been 323 I went on Mon. noon to 223, but found no such resident there, at last, on Tues. after leaving the Mrs. Roberts's dressmaker, lived next door, I saw the name J. H. Roberts on the door of 323 and ventured to enquire there, and saw Mrs. Roberts. but as it was noon, and Maria does not come home to dinner, and moreover as they did not remember the No. of her working place I failed to see her. [illegible] try to next week. Perhaps I will spend next Sabbath with them. Mrs. R. invited me too. I enjoy my sabbaths [illegible] attend with Thos. & Lizzie at Mr. Everett's church. Last Sab. afternoon we all went to hear Rev. Newman Hall at Dr. Buddington's. Thos. heard him this morn also at Dr. Taylor's, and [illegible] heard him in the evening. [illegible] very much [illegible] He is a tall [illegible] man, has dark hair, ~~[illegible]~~ side whiskers a long nose, is nervous rather in his man[illegible]

[Left margin, written vertically:] [illegible] you [illegible] Perhaps [illegible] if you [illegible] [illegible] Love to all from Mary

Home Nov. 9. 1868.

Dear Sister;

I am sorry to have neglected you so for the last few weeks but you know that it was not through lack of will but of strength and time.

Father and Mother feel much better satisfied after seeing you and the Dr. Mother says your arm is some larger than when she felt it before, and that is encouraging I am sure. I hope you will keep up good courage and gain as fast as you can.

I hope to be able to go and see you (make a flying visit) before going, that is in my way, but don't be disappointed if

if I fail, for I don't feel very strong. have been having a pretty hard pull this time but hope to rally so as to go next week.

Father and Mother came home very successfully on Friday eve. they had a very pleasant time throughout & brought home an overcoat for Robbie and boots for both of the boys, you can readily imagine how much joy the boots caused. Little Eddie had his on the bed by him to go to sleep with, and the next morning he put them on and went into Robbie's bed, without improving the sheets much!

He was not at all satisfied to go to church without them.

This morning mother wanted to have him stay in the house for awhile as it was very muddy and she thought he

would be carrying in. He
came to me and whispered
"I should like know what
boots are good for any way."
"Say, Aunt Mary, what are
boots good for if not to go in
the mud."—

They got the overcoat and boots
for advertising.—

We all want to see you
very much, but will try to be
patient and hope that all is
for the best.—

We are very glad that Lis
is resting so nicely and
getting along a little with
her sewing. I am ever
so glad that she is
making you a hood. I
have been thinking a good
deal about it, but have
done nothing. We will try
to get the things you spoke
of ready for next opportunity.
Mr. Fulkes preaches in Ithaca
next Sab. and said last

eve that he thought
he should run over
to see you on Monday.
Tues. eve. It has been raining
all day as well as yesterday
and Sunday. Tommy & Mr. P.
are going to the village to
prayer meeting at Mrs.
Evan Williams. They
two went to a concert at
Mr R's church last eve-
ning by Slew. Flughts
& Co. They or rather Mr.
P. said it was fine
come to think of it Tommy
did not go and it was
too wet for the rest
of us to attend it.
Jennie meant to
write in this today but
has been very busy in
office. I have made me
two white aprons today
feel better than I have
for some time.
Father sends you a few
stamps. Love from all

must close as they are just starting [illegible]

N.Y. Feb. 2. 1871

Anna dearie;

Lis & I have just dined on fried herring and potatoes, - with lump sugar for desert, - and I can think of no after-dinner recreation more grateful to my feelings than writing to you. This used to be the time of day when you felt best, so we will have a visit.

Here is some new medicine for you to try. Take once or twice a day as much as will lie on the point of a penknife. It would do father good too. also mother & Jennie I think. They might try a few doses. It has benefitted me

greatly I am sure. Shall give some to Sis. While you are taking this perhaps you had better omit that one dose of Sach. which I sent you, and let the Pepsin work longer.

We are having damp foggy weather. The snow which fell last week is melting and makes dirty work in the streets.

So they have a boy up in Turin!! Would not I like to see the little chap!

Hope you are not overdoing now Sarah is away. Give my love to C. Amelia and to all the rest of the good folks around there.

Sis has taken some cold in coming to this Northern climate & has a little sore throat today.

Good bye with love from May & Sis.

I send one dose of medicine for Sis. It is to be taken in the middle of the forenoon better in forenoon than afternoon. Also two powders for Anna at night and in morning. Please report. I think you have phosphorus at home. Have father take a dose every night for a while. Good bye with lots of love to all. Is cog. Charlie there yet? And are you all having a good time? Has Fannie's husband met ...?

New York July 17th 18[illegible]

Dear Dr. Swan:

I have had no letter Friday or Saturday. Pap[illegible]. Sis is some better. What she really wants is to tone up the system and then have the brain better nourished. When she is lying down, the brain is more blood, and that is why she feels more dizzy &c in sitting up than when lying down. That is the reason also that I feel best when lying down.

Had a ~~letter~~ card from Hattie this A.M. They have changed their boarding place to 1615 Swain St. Want me to meet them there but I cannot afford it. I must

[illegible] with a raw egg [illegible] Tuesday [illegible] glad [illegible] brandy, I think it is good [illegible] going to take 1/2 a teaspoonful after each meal. [illegible] She needs something to tone her up [illegible]

[illegible] better [illegible] Mother [illegible]

much to accompany them home for a wee visit. Do you think I had better at all hazzards or not?

Hope I shall hear next time tomorrow. Has it been any cooler with you yesterday & today? It has been, here. Today there has been a nice breeze, though the sun has been scorching. A great many are dying daily from the heat. This is said to be the hottest season in 25 yrs. I believe. For 3 weeks the mercury kept in the [illegible] even to 97 & 98 & [illegible] one day [illegible] 103. How do you stand it there, especially how do you sleep it?

Today our Pastor & family left us to remain till Sept. They have gone to the Adirondack

[illegible] you for writing so minutely. I should like to hear every day or as often as you can write. Hope I shall hear again tomorrow. Of hearing of receiving [illegible]

Love [illegible] Sue [illegible] for [illegible] when that [illegible]

Mrs ... Lamos. ...

in their minister to supply [illegible], they
in the mean time, read sermon
yesterday from text "My grace is
sufficient for thee, My strength
shall be made perfect in weakness!"
I wish I could feel perfect trust
at all times. Have been a
little discouraged this week, but
it will never do to give way
to it you know. So My Motto
shall be, "Trust & go on-ward."
Did [illegible] send for his
sermon yet? I wish for some
to be sent him. I have
not yet tried Kennedy's Med.
analyzed. find it is not an
easy thing to do, made as it is
of different vegetables. Angles
the [illegible] relieve. May be
they will give permanent relief if

[illegible cross-written lines along top margin]

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answered in. How is Jennie's ear? has she still that full feeling in it? How is Frankie's cough? does it still remain better? David Jones expects his wife home today. When she arrives or soon after Xmas. Jones intends to go to Pittsburgh taking a little slice of Centennial in his way. Her brother Shadrach is now visiting here and is going too. Lucy, Jennie's wife buried her Mother in Feb. last, she died of consumption.

Katie (Hughes) called on me the other evening, she wished to be affectionately remembered, especially to Cynthia. W. H. enquires very kindly when I see him. He is a sinner, & don't come around very often. Good bye with love to Mr. pretty well, & how is yourself? Mary)

Mr. Scott sends his respects to Miss Anna & all the rest. - Pleasant Valley is up the Hudson, So Mr. Scott says. Good bye, sweet bye, Love love to all - Sis, Sarah & Mary. Lissie V & Ella's [friend?] Annie will have to answer his letter presently, tell him to be patient.

333 W. 34th St
N. Y. Sept. 8th/75

Dear Anna;

Our girls talk of running home the fore part of next week or rather the 1st day of next week that Sis feels strong enough if the weather is favorable. Now, they want to know what pieces of music you would like to have them bring home? & if you have any thing else here which you want. Sis is better though not strong, does not sweat so much now. We talk of going on an excursion tomorrow to Pleasant Valley. Mr. Scott

has offered to go with us. I dont know exactly where it is, but we have a little sail & have a nice quiet time somewhere. the trip costing 25 cts apiece.

We rec'd your letter this A.M. It came when I was out & on my return the girls had it all cut & dried to go home this week or 1st of next. We have, beloved their going this week I shall be dreadfully lonely but wont say anything about that. We have got the lisse will ... the other things as soon as we can. — Lisse enclosed in this lest you may want it for the meeting. It will do to cut the lisse (I dont know as I have shell that rightly) either way. —

Yours with love Mary

New York Nov. 10th 18[illegible]

Dear Sister Anna;

Enclosed please find P.O. order for Eight dollars in Robert's name sent by your humble servant. I hope [illegible] month so Mother will not feel so cramped. What do you all think about Election? Was ever anything so close? & the excitement down town is said to be intense. So far as I have seen, every one feels both serious, and quiet with the pressure of suspense.

Twenty years ago today dear Robert went home. So we are gathered in one after another! How it draws our thoughts & affections to the other world to have so many of our dear ones there! We need have no more anxiety for them! Good bye again dearie, Love to all from Mary

It is raining some today,
we have been having very
fine weather; yesterday it
hardly warm enough for a
shawl or fire. I wonder
what I had better get for
an outer garment this winter.
Have been wearing my black
& white striped shawl & Jennie's,
but now that must have some
kind of cloak, as shawls are
not becoming for me, except
to wear once occasionally.
Think I will have my cloth
dress colored & the sack to make
me waist over, which is nearly
worn out. Did Mother get
that wrapper with short sleeves
which I sent her & how does
she like it? Pine which
I got of them make me very
comfortable, also the double

…. My visit home did me good, though there was much to make us all feel sad. It was a great comfort to be with you all so long. It seemed as if I got acquainted over again, at least as though the bonds of sympathy and mutual understanding were strengthened, and it makes me feel less lonely. I have been pretty homesick once in a while in my little home here especially when long without a letter, but was feeling better after the last dispatch from home. Do, some of you, send me a line pretty often. Do I write too often? My thoughts are with you so

much. Mrs. Jones is gaining nicely now. Did you get the scrap in yesterday's letter to Jennie saying, change the address of Edward Lewis from 7 Gold St. to 123 W. 16th st. [illegible] is near 3 P. M. & I suppose [illegible] have just reached Hillsdale & perhaps had their dinner. How I would like to step in & see how they like the looks of things & how [illegible] breathes. Do you feel very lonely at home? Hope you will all get out a good deal. Mr. Scott, Katie, Mrs. McCullagh & other friends send kindest regards & sympathy.

Good bye, please write soon to your loving sister

Mary

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423 W. 34th St. N.Y.

Nov. 3d 1875

Dear sister China:

It is half past ~~nine~~ eight A.M. & I expect surely to get a letter from home in fifteen minutes. Home letters come at a quarter before nine usually. The Cin. showed its welcome face yesterday A.M. It came in good shape, full to overflowing. I see you did not get the extra pages in; so next No. will be a large & wonderful one I imagine, but as this month, according to this.

I wonder if you started this A.M. and whether I shall see you tonight! Good bye now with ever so much love. Do some of you write & relieve my mind. That's good children.

Did you have a hard time with this last No.? Who helped you down?

Good bye again with love to you loving

Mary

Jones
, Mo. will have 28 days, there
will be lots of time. We had
quite a laugh when I was in
there last evening. She gravely
informed me that there were
to be 28 days in this month,
& that Thanksgiving was to come
on the 28th! I could not agree
with her as I was sure Mr. Gen.
said it was to be on the 30th. (& so it did!)
Now, how do you suppose I live
without a single card or letter
but once in 2½ weeks? It looks
& *feels* to me very much like
starvation diet, don't you think
so? I am *so* anxious about you
all. How is "Mother"? How are you
& Jennie and Jack, does he go to
school yet? How are Sarah & Wm.
prospering with their getting
ready? Is Maggie all courage,
& how are all the rest? Is Callie

a pretty good help to her Mama.
Did Mother receive the wrapper
that I sent a few days after
my arrival here? Are you & [illegible]
coming down for the Centennial?
If you were here I believe I
should run down with you for
one day. O, dear! It is nine
o'clock, and no letter! I am
so anxious to know how you are
all, so that I may decide as
to my own movements. I have
not paid my rent for the
coming month yet & do not
wish to for the whole month
if I am going to break up.
The canal is to close on
the 15th inst. & it would
cost a good deal more
to send furniture by rail
all the way. Is Mother feeling
any better than when [illegible]?

and are you any stronger?
Mother wrote that Jennie
was having a good deal of
pain in her shoulders. I
fear you have not yet had
any help in the Office as the
Gen. did not come out early.
My health is pretty good, have had
a good deal of tired feeling in
head & back, but am improving.
Friends think I look better than
before going home. Did not
lose so much in practice as I had
feared. My families seem to
stand by me. but are mostly
pretty healthy now. Mrs. Tindal
was in two days since: had
been here three times during
my absence. She sends love & sympathy
Mrs. Drisfel also. She had been or
sent three or four times. Postman
has just seen me. No letter for me!

New York June 1st/77

Dear Anna;

I went to Macy's for a frame & saw none to suit so well as the one we had seen before like mine only with a Mat. It looked very pretty indeed in it. They put it in there & sent it from the Store. I enclosed a card on which I printed PLEASE ACCEPT AS A SLIGHT TOKEN OF GRATITUDE. I will call tomorrow if I can & then see how he likes it. I did not like to carry it there myself. It was so cumbersome & thought it would be as well

to send from the store.
I dont know but I might have
obtained a nicer frame
but that seemed to suit
it so well.
Do get some wine & take
quite freely dear. How is
your appetite? I dont seem
to have any force, but think
I shall be better when the
weather is settled.
Mrs. Milbank called
this P. M. and sends love
to you & Mother. She had
not been around before
since you went away.
Said she thought she had
been coming too often
before I had worn out
her welcome & so staid
away. She wants to know
if you know of any place

up there where she can get board for herself alone. She would be willing to pay $5. What would our folks think of taking her. I don't know as it would pay, or as you would care to have the bother. I told her that I did not know of any place there, as they were not in the habit of taking summer boarders in that neighborhood. Wonder if Nellie G. Davies would. Has she any dairy & chicks. I will get you some needles. Did I tell you that Mrs. Cole has moved to 36th St.? They have a very nice flat - 3d floor. My window is just touch

Verbena & Lobelia in
bloom. Oleander flourishing
in its new pot. & the boxes
is just nice.
Good bye dear It is time
to take this to the Mail.
Mrs. Millbank brought me
a ticket to an entertain-
ment at the Broadway
Tabernacle this evening
the Annual Festival of the
S. School. I think I shall go.
How does John Eddie do in
his school this summer? I
wish he would write to me.
Many kisses dearie
and Good bye from
your ain true sister
Mary

New York Oct 17/74

From Mary E. to Sister

Dear Anna:

Is Mother any better? If not what would Drs. Y & Dows do? I feel just anxious to hear again. Have not yet had time to read of Sarah's case yet. I suppose she will be home soon now as E. seems to be doing so nicely. I think he will gain soon. I have written to them every day now for some time & have heard often

from Kate & write again soon to let me know how Mother is. Am glad you are better [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Yours Mary E.

day, since they learned how anxious I was. Last week I was very solicitous but think he is all right now. Wish I could come home when he does, but if you are all pretty well think probably it will be best not.

I had a little patient sent me from Mcintosh Co. day before yesterday, she has suffered 3 years with hip joint disease, and is in a sad condition. I hope to help her a good deal, but fear she will always be a cripple. Still she may

not. She is a sweet gentle little thing & modest. There is no one yet in the back rooms, and I do not know what is best to do, Mrs. Emery told me the other day that there was a good opening in Ohio for a lady physician, as there is none there at present. & I have almost a mind to think seriously of thinking of it. when that baby day, this little girls mother called for me to see her, and Mrs. Ivy, came whom I had

not heard in a year,
sent me a patient from
her home. I thought
she had discarded me,
as she has a physician
in the house, but it
seems she has remembered
me all along, but has
had no sickness!
The Moon's the right. It
is still hard to get money,
but I am quite busy.
would you stay on?
Folks say I am fat,
and I am feeling very
much better than
when Jennie was
here.

New York Sept 27/78

Dear sister Anna:

Thank you very much for writing so faithfully, I shall watch the mails very anxiously. Your report does not sound very favorable, but I hope it may be better tomorrow. Wish I might be there with you. It is hard to be away when our dear ones are sick. - We must trust him in the hands of our loving Heavenly Father who can make all his bed in his sickness, and pray that His tender care may be over him and

his in this time of trial. May they be blessed, whatever the event may be. and may we too, be drawn nearer to Him who does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. The clouds look dark now, but He who sees the end from the beginning knows what is best for us. Let me know if you need me Anna. You know it is not absolutely necessary for me to spend my days in New York. I am watching the leadings of Providence. It looks favorable here now, but I might do as much good and more elsewhere. Let us pray to

be directed aright in all our ways.

If Jennie will send me the addresses of the ministers I will write the letters or a part of them if she likes. Am feeling most well again and am not very busy just now. Did I leave my Clinical Guide at home. Do not find it here. You can keep and use it as I intend to get the new edition. Please look through it & see if there is a slip of paper left in it. I have missed one. I hope you receive tonight the large letter sent last evening containing a $5. bill

Two sheets were written before yours came.
Hoping to hear better news tomorrow I remain
dear sisters & brothers
Your loving Mary.

Tell John Eddie that Brothers includes him.
I commenced a letter to John last evening.
How is Jennie? Do not feel too anxious dear sister, it will all come out right bye & bye. Did Sarah return from Utica. I feel very sorry to have her visit shortened as she needed change.
Write me how you all are. I feel anxious for every one

Mary

Oct 2nd 1878

Dear Anna

Your letter this A.M. seems quite encouraging and I hope L. will get along now but I do not think it will do for him to tax himself for a long time. Katie Griffiths called this morning & said she saw Le. yesterday P.M. & that he seemed natural but weak. I have felt very anxious & now fear a relapse if he should overexert himself. You must take care of your own self dear. You have been overdoing. I wish you were here. I am

quite sure if you were here your health would improve, and I would be able to do enough more so that it need not cost you anything for board. Will it not be nice when we can be all together? Let me know how Sarah is when she returns. I think New York would agree with her better than Utica. Sister Mary would be I think, a better Doctor than Cousin Mary just now.

I am having a new dress. Camels hair, so they call it. Will send you a piece. Miss Rees is cutting & fitting it. It will be nice for winter and fall.

I suppose Eunice will be at home tonight if she

did not stop in Utica. She
intended to take the boat
last evening. I have been
attending her for a little
more than a week. She
has had Malarial fever
& was very poorly indeed,
but gained so that she
was quite bright on Sunday
when I was down to see
her last. I was not able
to go Monday. —
Mrs. Jones was in this
morning before starting for
Hastings for her weekly
visit to Jimmy & wife. Her
friends all say that she
gained so much when
she was up there,
that she had better
have stayed longer.
Good bye now dears I
am not bright at all
and must close. If
I do not have a letter

tomorrow I shall consider
that no news is good
news, but do write soon
again and tell me how
you all are and when
you are coming down.
Love, love from
Your own Mary

W. 34th St. N.Y.
March 6th /79

Dear Anna

Your letter is just rec'd. Think I will keep Jennie a little longer. She really needs the change; is improving & growing handsome as formerly! I am quite proud of her! It is mighty nice to have some of your own folks to show off! We are sending more blanks so that you will have plenty. For Eddie to take as many with him as he thinks best. We have a few more than we are sending you. and if you send us the statements

It would be such a relief to me to have it done all right. I think it was well fortunate I did not start home as I once intended. It would have been too bad for you not to be glad to see me! We are very glad you are going out a bit. Hope Mr. Pritchard is better. It will seem lonely not to find Mary Roberts there if I go home — but she is in a far better home now — freed from pain!

My hands are just about well! and the boils are not here. Have you got them?

Jennie can fill up and forward bills from here. These were printed on a bill of mine, by Mrs. Taylor's son Howard.

We sympathize with Daniel & Hannah. Give our love & sympathy to them and the little ones also to Mrs. Rachel Price.

We really feel glad to know that she is released from her suffering and has joined the ransomed throng, to be forever with the Lord! "O, crown of rejoicing! O wonderful song! O joy everlasting, O glorified throng! O beautiful home, My home can it be? O glory reserved for Me! We sang that in prayer Meeting last

evening & it was so beautiful
I will leave the rest of this
for Jennie. I am writing
today to Mr. Egnon forward to
enquire whether it will be
a favorable time to collect
there in Penn.
I suppose you will get the
box of Oranges this P.M.
& that you will have a feast,
and grow fat on them —
They are splendid for the
lungs & for feeble chicks
like Anna. Grow fat now!
When were you all weighed?
Here is some Broma too,
so you must go in for it
and make the most of
your time, as we may think
of something more! O dear!
Jennie will be crowded
onto the last page. She
is writing to Aleck, & means

Jennie Marks to John S. Lill was S. 26. 31 & we have heard of him D. 10.

[illegible]

to have him send you
some chink I believe.
How does George get along
with his calves? Are you
going to keep the twins?
What shall we call them
if you do? Mary & Martha
or Molly & Polly or Beatrice
& Bernice or what? Now
Good bye again Jennie
Must say short Mattie

I will send the largest of the
checks just received from you to
Alick to have him send it
to you. ~~At~~ A little over $8 of it
belongs to Sara - she knows - the
rest use as you see best. Perhaps
I can send you more if Eddie
does not get more than he must
use to pay his way. What if he
comes to you expecting something
to travel on! Be sure and let
me know - Do you think it
would do any good for Eddie to ask
Lewis to sign that release paper - then
he could take it to Utica and leave
it with Mr. Avery to be put on file.

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

U.S. POSTAGE
ONE CENT

NEW YORK
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Miss Anna E. Everett
(Box 157) Remsen
Oneida Co
New York

New York May 23/85

Dear Sister; Am I
storming you too much
with letters & postals?
If I do, you may just pay me
back in the same coin,
that is fair! Your card
was gladly welcomed this
A.M. together with a batch
of letters from the Saxons; they
seem very comfortable, have
a good house with grounds
around. They must leave [illegible]
[illegible]; Rebecca says she
will write to her, — I
was sent for to a case of
Scarlet fever Sunday a.m.
soon after we started. [illegible]
they had to sit down [illegible]
Hope you will be cheerful
& take good care of each
other. I was [illegible] E. and
take [illegible] in his way. —
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

So did they know. My Dear News from home is so meagre that I do not know what reply to make to friends who inquire: are you all offended with me, or what is the matter. I ask questions and ask them again, & still get no reply. Yours [illegible] lovingly with Mrs. Rule & love at 38th St. 1/9 Much love Mary

I hope you will receive today the oranges sent yesterday P.M. On Sat. eve last after receiving Jennie's postal I went to 57th St. and found that Capt. [illegible] had had a letter relating to oranges. I asked what the chances were, ~~and~~ whether it would be best for me to get a few to wait, also if

it were not too much trouble for him, to see to it, No, he said, a steamer had just arrived, and on Monday he would see about it, and let me know, I told him as the oranges were medicine for Sam, I must get a few if I could not get a box, Well Monday came and went, also Tuesday, still no word, In the mean time, that is on Sunday, Mr. Adams whose Mother in law I am attending ~~with~~ for fractured thigh, said that if I had not engaged with Sam Minnis he would get them for

me on Monday. Well, on
Wed. Morning, before office
hours, I ran up, N. S. had
gone to business, but I learned
that on Mon. Morning he was
sent elsewhere, and when
he returned the oranges
had been disposed of!
I told them that I had
depended on his letting
me know, if he could
not get them. I have
been since informed
that he says he said
he would let me know
if he succeeded!
Well. P. M. I went
down to Mr. Adam's
post, "Anchor line" of
Steamers. & ~~learned~~ he
went around with me,
~~He~~ we learned that the
oranges were from

$4,50 to $6,00 per box and too ripe most of them to keep more than 10 days. They had risen $2, in price the day before. So I got two doz. at 40 cts per doz. & finished the dollar with lemons at 1 ct each. The lemons will do you good. Mr. Adams will look out for the next fruit steamer & let me know. The orange season is nearly over but there are two steamers more to come in. If there is a good box shall I send it? — Mr. A. is on the dock when the fruit comes in & so can be on the watch. — I hope you will not cut your hands in taking the fruit out of large box. I could not find piece of box which belonged to it. How are Jennie's hands? What has been done about her fingers?

This is a miserable letter but you will excuse as I am tired & have had a busy time.

New York Mch 8th 188

Dear Sister;

Your letter came yesterday & I certainly intended to write ~~but~~ to send by this evening's mail, but on reaching home for evening hour found to my consternation that it was too late! So now I write before making my final afternoon calls. Hope we will hear tomorrow that S. is better. & that Dr. W. has encouraged you. I think her headache is a Bry. headache & her cough a Hepar cough. Bry. has splitting headache, worse mornings, on moving coughing &c. Hepar has "weakness of

chest, cannot talk from ~~weakness~~". & they both have been good remedies for her. Don't forget Aconite too. throw in a dose of him or mix with one of the others! I do so sometimes! but it works! I think you have selected your remedies well. It will be a great relief for you to see Dr. Ames. as we are both too nervous to treat our own folks. We sympathize too much. I wish you were near. or I could see you in some way. Write again tomorrow that, is I hope we will have a letter tomorrow will try & see Dr. Lil, but write this lest I cannot in time to write afterwards for this evening's Mail.

Met my class today the last time but one this session next Thursday will close the series. Am not sorry as I am pretty tired, having had a sore throat which has made it harder to get around the past week. Am well again Dr. Wright gave me Med. yesterday which set me right. Had been neglecting it a week. Have enjoyed my class very much this winter. I am sorry I sent the Badiaga as S. was doing so well on Hep. & Acon. Of course I did not prescribe it, as you had not then stated the particulars of her cough. Tell her not to be discouraged It has been a bad time for coughs. & the influenza shakes any one. I have

longed so much to be with you this winter or to have you with us, but it seems not to have been. Hope we can be together next winter. Do you have beef to make beef tea, for bath of gin? Jennie knows how first rate. She nursed me well last ~~winter~~ summer, Libbie Sleight has been quite sick this week with sore throat, but is much better. Now Lovies, good bye, O, I wish I had something to send. Jack is selling his tickets I sold ten for him yesterday. I guess they will make it go. Hope we will have better news tomorrow

Lovingly M. H. E.

Take a care yourself dear

New York
Jan 27/82

Dear Anna & Alt;

Your letter of yesterday was gladly welcomed this noon. It seemed a long time to wait, from Tuesday A.M. to Friday P.M. without a word. Trust I can hear oftener now.

Sara seems to be failing, but the remedies evidently relieve her. Give her Ipec. when she has her coughing spells with inclination to vomit. It has "cough with inclination to vomit — no phlegm yields though the chest seems full — strangling, so much mucus seems accumulated in the bronchia, worse at night &c". If you remember, I gave it

several times & it seemed to relieve also when she complained of nausea, without coughing. You need not be afraid of repeating the or of mixing when it seems necessary. She uses up the medicine very fast & we can only expect to relieve. Is her mouth any better? I hope you have rec'd the package by Express.

I cannot tell you how much I wish myself with you at this trying time, but I have been severely criticised for being away so much. They say people do not like to trust themselves in my hands when I run away so often

Of course they cannot be expected to realize the situation entirely.
I never in my life felt my heart so torn asunder as I might express it, as during this trial. Trust I may be so guided as not to make any great mistake. My heart ached dear ones to be with you while other obligations & responsibilities call for my presence here. There is one comfort for us, the Mercy Seat is just as near to one as the other. The sympathizing Saviour is ever near.

I am so thankful that
Carrie is with you.
The neighbors seem
ready to help. Let them
do so if they can. Do
take what rest you
can. Take the beef tonic
and keep up your strength
as that is very precious
to us all. Tell Sara
to lean hard "on
the arm of her
Beloved". I looked this
noon for the verse in
Solomon's Song. Mrs. Hibbard
was in & enquired very
kindly. She sends love
& sympathy as do all
your friends.

Much love
Mary

New York Feb 14/82

Dear sister Anna & All:

You card was welcomed this noon. Glad to know that you are so comfortable. I have been feeling more tired yesterday & today & it is not surprising that you feel the reaction. Try to rest & sleep all you can, I find that sleep helps me & I think it is one of the best remedies of[l] in night watching. I went to bed at 9.30 last evening & got up at 8.30 this morning, & besides that have been resting & snoozing most of the day till now 3.15 P.M. Am going out now to make

some calls.
This is a very spring like day, sunny & warm. My fire has gone out & I don't know as I shall have to build any. Mrs. E. today probably will need some this evening. It seems as though spring had opened, but we shall probably have cold weather after this.
I wish Jessie E. would copy Dr. Kms. sermon for me. I would like to have it to read again. Has that place where the snow blows in the closet been fixed yet? I think you will have to stuff rags in somewhere under the eaves. Wish I could be with you to arrange things

Seven years ago yesterday, dear Father was taken sick, what an experience we have had since then! Well, "heaven certainly seems more dear, and God himself more sweetly near"!
It seems to me ~~Heav~~ that now the hand of Death is ~~now~~ to be stayed & that those that are left will be more to each other than ever, & whether together or separated, we can help and be of comfort to each other. I have not yet been able to look for those things that you want. Will try to soon. Much love, write often to Mary

Osawatomie Ks May 7/88

Dear Sister Anna;

We had more company last week. Mrs. George Fessenden was here I think when I finished my last to you. She took it your letter & some others to take to town the next day as they were going. On their return they brought yours [illegible] & one from Alfe (also papers from York Mills & from Mrs. Jardine of New York. I had written to her. The papers contained notice of the death & funeral of Dr. Clemence Sogrin. She died two days after the College session closed. No mention is made of her sickness.)

On Friday, Mrs. Orin Fessenden made us a call with her sweet

I send by this mail a package (?) Onions for Mrs. Jones, Lettuce for Alice & Jenny. Lo[illegible] Larkspur leaves & violets for you & Alice to take care of. The flower was blue. Mrs. Jones will let you taste the onions you can let him have some [illegible] [illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from Jennie & Mary

nine months old baby. She is
very nice indeed. Jennie took
to her more than to anyone whom
we have seen. She was educated
at Springfield Ill. has given some
attention to Botany & is I am
told quite a Musician. Lemmie
says she is a Proffetser of Music
She leads the singing in the
S. School which is held in our
School house here. She also
teaches the class of Young Ladies.
She has been married two years
Their house is in view from our
door. Jennie has enjoyed watching
the smoke from their chimney
all winter. When she was
here Jennie mentioned that
we had no good cook book.
She said she would send hers
over & this morning Daisy Becker
a little girl about 8 or 10 who boards there came
with it, on her way to school.

Was it not kind & friendly?
This is a beautiful, nicely bound book called "Housewife's Library", about the size of the book we bought of Griff D. Jones. ~~There~~ I asked Daisy who was the best scholar in school, She turned her head a little & then said, "I dont know, we all out up so!" The teacher gave a very good report when she was here said she thought it was an easy school to manage. Daisy makes me think of Frankie. Who knows but she may be boarding at her Grandpa's & teaching this school some day? Sat. P. M. we were all wishing that someone would go to town & bring our mail, as all were too busy here setting in the crops, when lo! a ~~horseman~~ drove in with papers sticking

out of all his pockets. Side, breast pockets & all! Who was it but John [illegible], on his way home from town! John gave him some pieplant to take home. Sat. noon two young girls came for pieplant — They took 25 lbs at 2 cts a lb. They stayed to dinner and we had a nice little visit. They were here last fall for a call [illegible]. Yesterday was a lovely Sabbath. Mary and I went for a little walk — we have not been to S. School, tho' it is so near. It was about [illegible] the S.S. was over that we were out and we saw many on their return home. German said there was a full school. We have not been to town since our return from Olpe and so we have not yet got any new bonnets. This is a rainy afternoon and we may fail to send to town.

8th — Th[illegible] did [illegible] John [illegible] [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] 30 [illegible] They are at it today. Have Mr. D's [illegible] planter, [illegible] The [illegible] are [illegible] What shall we do? This [illegible] [illegible].

Osawatomie Ks. June 28/88

Sister dear;

Such a nice package as you sent us when you enclosed Frankie's & Eddie's with your full one, and again Cousin Jennie's with yours! You are so good to write so fully, and often. We have written you hastily since, but no good answer. We all enjoyed Frankie's l..! Grandpa said - "She isn't quite 12 years old is she? She has improved very much in her writing, has she not?" He was much pleased with the letter, Hope she is with you now. We are just as proud of Eddie as though he got the prize. The compliment from Cornell is "worth its weight in gold" & more. Wonder if Eddie is with Johnny Butler today, A letter from him came in company with your last, in which

he says that he expected to spend
tomorrow there. He will soon be
home for a time, and how you
will enjoy it! I am seated under
the walnuts, and Jennie is
starting fire, preparatory to getting
dinner. I must write fast & then
go & help her. We are to have new potatoes
and if we are smart enough, green
peas, "Am. Wonder"; we have had
four messes in all, notwithstanding
the rabbits. We put old tin cans
near the vines and they became
discouraged, but went to the beans
across the way & have stripped
the vines. We must put some=
thing there. Our rain lasted about
four days and gave the ground a
good soaking. It has made the
corn look so dark and rich, and
has started the new potatoes growing
that is sprouting! The dry weather
had checked their growth. This is a

beautiful day, bright but not so sultry as before & during the rain. Our school closed yesterday for a three month's vacation — till Oct.
I had a letter from Mrs. Fargis' Lawyer, saying that the trial is to be postponed till October. So if you have not sent the book you can wait till Eddie comes home. — After dinner — Went for peas, but found that there are not enough for another mess. There will be a nice little lot of Am. W. for seed. Brought up onions & beets. We have a nice lot of onions & I have learned that they are nice sliced fine with mashed potatoes on your plate. We had new potatoes today. They are pretty small and the sprouting will do them no good so we will enjoy them while we can. I was wishing "Anna could have some" as I was taking them up from the kettle. I suppose

it would not do to send some to [illegible]" was Jennie's reply. We fear they would not be good.

John is going so I must close with much love to one and all.

Jennie & Mary

Osawatomie Feby 2nd /[illegible]

Sister dear:

We just heard at dinner table that John thinks of going to town today so hurrah for another letter! We are making hard soap today from some tallow that we saved from our beef and a can of "Lewis Lye" which the good people around here say is excellent. The lye, which is a powder is put in 2 1/2 pints of cold water to dissolve, which makes it hot. It then has to cool down to 80°. The fat is melted and when it is near 120° the lye is stirred into the fat & stirred from 1-5 minutes so the paper says. when lo! the soap is made! We are now waiting for the fat to cool [illegible] right [illegible]

when we will try our luck.
No boiling to be done. We have
[illegible] a leach set up [illegible] are
putting on water today so as to
[illegible] the coarser kinds of [illegible]
which we have been saving.
There will then be [illegible] fat to
spoil and trouble [illegible] after [illegible]
go to Alfr. I am [illegible]
[illegible] I have this spring [illegible]
you will think so when I [illegible]
you that the clothes are in soak
[illegible] a rubbing when we get [illegible]
with the soap. If there is a
chance for a ride to [illegible] I
think we will leave the wash.
I enjoyed the ride last Saturday
the best of any ride we have
had. We both enjoyed it & it did
us good. [illegible]
[illegible] walnuts and the wind
flings the [illegible]
away once in awhile so as to

make diff[illegible] [illegible] to. Can you excuse this [illegible] R. Germ[illegible] has the other bottle at the old house. — John is go[illegible] on horseback so we will not go! Wait till the result of <u>loaf</u> <u>making</u> again. Don't think there will be anything to <u>brag</u> of. — Yesterday we went for a little walk into the timber. We [illegible] lots on a walk Sunday. We are in the house so much all the week. We [illegible] quite a [illegible] of gooseberry bushes indeed we looked for them as German had told us there were some in that direction. They are [illegible] (the berries are) and we intend going today or tomorrow to gather some. John said he wished we had it [illegible] — if we have 2 or 3 we shall be thankful — as it is [illegible]

to gather them - [illegible]
that they had [illegible]
a good many and Mate canned
some - John has over 20 cows
to milk - [illegible]
some of them partly - [illegible]
the [illegible] - He gets pretty tired
milking and caring for the
cows. Hermann works mostly
[illegible] farm - in the [illegible]
How is the [illegible] coming on
with you? Will Mr. Parkhurst
help with it - ! What is going
[illegible]
[illegible] this noon he wanted
to go to town that day to see
the representation of the [illegible]
battle - and we hope to go with
[illegible] - [illegible]ing so adieu
with love J. B. M. G. J.

Osawatomie, Ks. March 22/89

Dear Sister

Another surprise awaited me yesterday. John went to town with some stock for the butcher, and brought the mail. A letter, or rather envelope, marked Mdse, from Emporia, addressed to me by Carroll, and not a word, but a beautiful white silk handkerchief. So this is from Jennie, and the gloves must be from Edward. Do you not think that I am favored? I shall feel very fine now, when I want to be dressed. No opportunity to send today. 23rd. I spent a good part of the day yesterday in looking over, and arranging covers for some long shoe boxes which we

Good bye with much love from us three. If it tires you to write with all your other cares: cannot Mrs. H. or Jane a Clara write for you. Wish Cousin Mary could go up & spend a week with you now. With a heart full of love Your sister Mary.

Have you horseradish in the cellar this winter?

had from Alpe, to bring the
overflowings, our each visit.
We have one on top of the
other, covers in fronts & opening
up. and a small trunk on
top of the upper one. making
it kind of bureau like, we
have one trunk unused, and
one much used, arranged in
like manner in the further
end of our clothespress. We
hope that John will go down
today, as we are very anxious
to hear again how you are, and
also to send this, that you may
not again have to be so long
without word from us. Wonder
if Frankie goes back today, and
whether she will have her letter
before she goes. Hope the large
dose in one envelope will not
be too much for you. I do feel
so sorry that you have been so

long without a word from us.
It rained a little last night
or rather this morning early
and night before, looks like
clearing off now. birds are
singing, chickens cackling,
Men are working, Jennie baking
and the sun is trying to shine.
I must go and get dinner, as it
is near twelve. Potatoes are on,
but table not set — Later — The
Men are eating their dinner. —
Bean Soup, Mashed potatoes, cold
corn beef, good bread & butter,
corn muffins and mince pie.
Dont you think that will do?
John has not come in yet. It
is really clearing up! Wonder
how it is with you? Are you
getting stronger my precious
one? I saw a real bird this
Morning, and it warbled
"pretty pretty." A "black crow"
is on the head of the big barn

not finish it just then, and soon our improvised table which we used to paste the long strips, (which was the cellar door) was put back in place, and though I racked my brain to think of something to take its place. I failed to do so, till last Monday when it popped into my noddle that the bran room door would do, and that being almost always open, would not be missed, no sooner thought than done. German & John soon had the door off. & G. helped me get nicely started. (It was raining in the morning) and then when the sun came out had to go. I was quite proud to find that I could put on the long pieces by myself. Minnie cannot look up since that time we papered the ceiling of kitchen. So she did the other work while I papered.

(2.)

I saw two just now, black, with bright gold and black collars. They are a motley group, many of them very pretty indeed. — We have had a good deal of damp weather latety, no sitting on the hay since I wrote about it. I found a few millet stalks, as I was sitting there that day, (will enclose a few,) and it puzzled me, as it seemed so much like sitting on new mown hay. On coming in, I asked John what that stack was made of & he said: "Clover and timothy," which he sowed for the first time in Kansas last year. That was what made it seem so homelike and sweet. I then showed him the millet stalks. He thought a little, & then remembered that there were some rakings of millet in with the hay. You see I was

sharp enough to recognize the home smell to the hay. It is sweeter than the prairie hay. The sprig of "white" which I intended to enclose got astray in some way by the time my letter had a chance to go. Tell Jane that I shall be looking for a letter before long from her. Jennie has been writing to Edward & I think is now writing to Lizzie Sands. — I stopped right here to run out & see if I could not find something spring like to send you. Saw a number of violet leaves peeping out, but not a flower as yet. They are too wary so long as we have such cold breezes. I picked a wee bit of green ~~to~~ send you but as it will have but little time to press will not carry well I fear. Found some nice

oak leaves that have weathered the winter, I did wish that I could find one flower, _just one_ but we must wait a bit longer. I found a verbena plant just starting, in the orchard, and some horseradish in the garden, some moss which we gathered the day of our first ramble, I think we have had none since. It was the day you were sick. Dear little sister, what a providence that Jennie was there, with her bright helpfulness. The tinsel that is around the verbena & moss came from the Alpe Store, last fall. Is it not pretty? Did we tell you that I finished papering our room this week? It was partly done with Jennie's help on Thanksgiving day, but we could

in view from the window, cawing to its heart's contents and the hens and roosters are making the greatest commotion. telling how we've laid some eggs! I never watched the fowl tribe so much as since I came here. There are so many of them all around the house. They seem to me so much like people. Some of the hens look so motherly, some grave and neat, some gay and sweet. "May" has proved to be a dark Brahma with gold & black spangled breast. "May, No 2" I called Lizzie, afterwards. She is very pretty and slim, rather dainty and prim. Some have a modest gray dress with white collar, some white, with beautiful scarlet combs. Some a dainty buff, some very dark with yellow collars &c &c.

[illegible]
March 27 1889

Dear Sister:

I sent you some kind of a letter this evening, one in which I had written a little now & then. German had nearly finished his supper when Longo called for him to go to town, to a Negro meeting. where they have been having protracted meetings for three weeks. G. hurried up, and at once I thought of my letter. caught up an envelope, clapped the letter in, & addressed it, Jennie in the mean time hunted up a stamp, and off it went flying. I mentioned that John was under the

April 2d German found some flowers at last Sunday afternoon. John is going to town on his headache this morning, so I close hastily. He is pretty well now though not quite so strong as before. We are well the rest of us. Love to all from each one. Your Sister Mary.

weather". – Last night as he was feeding the cows after milking, in some way got one of the horns in his mouth. The cow was reaching for fodder, which he was distributing, leaning over with his mouth open. One of the tonsils the left, was cut a little and about an inch in front of it was gouged. The whole cow seemed too much to swallow, so he gave it up for a bad job. 30th I fomented, & gave Arnica & Aconite the next morning. He was in the house about an hour before saying anything about it & then he was going to bed & did not want to bother, but as it pained him in the night he was glad to have me take it in hand.

Evening

The soreness is nearly all gone. and he eats better and feels quite comfortable. We had to joke him a little, (when he began to feel better) about swallowing the whole corn. He thought the hens were quite plenty. German has done all the milking yesterday & today but John has done other chores. Slept like a top last night & is now reading as usual in the other room. His throat is nearly well. He does not do much milking, usually, only four or five cows I think. G. does the most. This afternoon as Jennie & I were in the yard a great flock of birds flew right over our heads on their way north. I do not know what they were, think they were larger than robins. They

first flowers that we saw last spring (if you remember, and I have been trying to have him recollect where he found them. and thus he informed me! It was the best he could do. I repeated the joke to John and he smiled a good deal as Father used to once in a while. John reminds me of father a good deal ~~once~~ at times. — Have Matt and Kitty moved yet? You must miss the other families. Do Jane and Frank come and see you often? Is Nain well? Clara will have just one month now to serve. Our school has commenced today, with the same teacher Miss Ella Ambrose. John has risen from his resting place and is sitting in the other room reading. He does not want to lie down much today

Fridays, so he sent with them next day. Hope it had no other mishap on the way. Though of small merit, its safe arrival would prevent you from being a whole week without a letter from us. Do not be uneasy when there is delay, as they are getting very busy now on the farm. Some of the farmers have plowed some, and planted a few potatoes, but we have not yet. John has just been making butter (German churned) and has come to lie down on our bed. I fix it up for him every afternoon so he can read and take a nap. He intended to go to town on horse-back this afternoon, but found that German had put out the horse, not knowing that it would be wanted. J. is gaining strength and eating quite well, though his throat is not

quite well, and he has not his strength fully yet. Was not very well before, or it would not have affected him so much. His eyesight is failing. He now finds that he can read better with glasses now. — About the opossum. We skinned it, and having no arsenic, put on powdered alum. Wonder if that will not do! She had a pouch, like a kangaroo lined with the softest kind of brown fur. And in the pouch, eleven tiny little ones. The tiniest, not more than half an inch long. We put them in alcohol The body is in salt and water as I haven't had time to dissect that yet, but expect to find something interesting when I do — Jennie's yeast has

come out first rate, and is
almost dry. When they had
school exhibition last winter
for one of the dialogues they
wanted a fence, (to throw
a dead cat over back and
forth, two neighbors) and
German made one of lath.
We have now utilized it by
pinning cloth on, on which
to dry our yeast, and it
answers the purpose finely.
We think we will keep it
for the purpose. Made bread
today with our new yeast. It is
just out of the oven and looks
like a success. This is a sunshiny
day, but rather windy. I asked
German this noon where the
earliest flowers grew, and
he said "on a little plant, near
the ground"!! He brought the

looked very pretty and we almost felt the breeze they made as they passed by!
The red bird was singing near by this morning. I thought it said "cheer cheer," but German said it was "Spring has come". Jennie has started a lot of yeast today, & tomorrow we must mix in the meal and put it today. Would you like some? Monday April 1st
Has anyone fooled you today? I fear that Mr. Jones will go on a fool's errand if he tramps to the village after a letter from us today. Still, now I think of it, our last letter started Friday, and it should reach you today! We have had no mail since a week tomorrow, but had one chance to send to you. Longo put that letter in his pocket and forgot it till on his way home! but his people always go on

Osawatomie Ks May 11th/89

Dear Sister;

Did you ever see a rainbow by moonlight? We did last night, and it was beautiful, a perfect bow from horizon to horizon, The colors were not there, only a white clear bow perfect throughout. I was charmed, and called Jennie, who happened to be awake, and then I went into John's room and wakened him! He opened his sleepy eyes, and I asked him if he had ever seen a rainbow by moonlight, and he said "yes" & dropped off to sleep! So I did not make much there, but O, I just wish you could have seen it! — I was wondering whether

it meant clear weather or foul. & recalled the couplet, "Rainbow in the morning" &c and theorised as to whether that had reference to a sun rainbow only, or not. It is delightfully pleasant, today, So I venture another rhyme. Rainbow in the East, as good as a feast, Rainbow in the west, More rain manifest. How will that do? It was pleasant yesterday threatening rain which in the night was accompanied with some thunder & lightning. That wind that we told about in our last continued four days & nights a steady blow from the South. It was a warm wind and brought warm weather which has brought things along finely Our early potatoes have been

cultivated, while for the late ones the land is not yet ploughed. They have planted over 30 acres of corn and are plowing a 10 acre lot for more. plowing not done for the millet. John goes to Mill today. He takes one of the boys now when he goes with the wagon. They take "Pete", 4 years old, today, with one of the older horses "Jule" perhaps, his mother, she helps with the breaking of her children generally. They are all hers, except old John, poor old John with his one eye. Jennie & I took a walk yesterday and found a few flowers, among them a Larkspur which I wish we could send to you. It is not very common here, but we have come across it several times. We also found wild onion

and wild pea in bloom.
Jennie meant to send Brussell's Sprout's seed in our last, but it slipped one side, I will send in this. I wrote to Maggie to send in same mail Hope she will get it today we sent some seeds and a verbena plant. So she still gaining, and is Judson all right. Has Mrs. Huddleston been tempted to leave you on account of the sickness there? It occurred to me last night & made me anxious to hear again. We had a letter from cousin Mary M. in last mail also one from Willie Williams (Wm H's son) a very nice letter, full of news. Jennie is answering it, I think, now. It seemed good to hear from cousin Mary again, She said

they expected to visit you soon. Her letter was dated May 7th and she said there had been two weeks rain, so you must have had another week of it after your last of Apr. 30th I think, was written. Hope you did not get the blues or chills either. Is the weather settling again. I am glad you had something in the garden & hot bed before the rain. I was counting our tomato plants in hot bed the other day 46. and not very close together, so they will come nicely I hope. I suppose yours are larger than ours though as you started them earlier. We got the Matchless from Burpee and they are larger than those we saved ~~from~~ last year. Did you get any

in your collection? I put
some peas down yesterday
just before the rain. We have
lettuce in hot bed, large
enough to cut for you if
you were here. Good bye
with a heartful of love
from Mary.
Willie writes that Geo. Prichard
is married. May they be happy
Give love to all the neighbors
not forgetting the young couple
across the orchard.

I enclose a Miller — that was given me the other day! It is too good to lose, so I pass it along to you!

Chewalmme, Jan. 9

Dear Sister,

John Slagle said this noon that he wanted to go down this evening, and so I write, though John intends to go tomorrow, for we are having our first snow, except a long and sprinkle long, long ago. The ground is considerably whitened, and the snow, or rather fine hail, continues to come down gently. It may storm tomorrow so that they cannot go down, and I would not for a great deal lose the chance of having a chat with you - or of having it delayed. We had Eddie's letter from the last mail, last Sat also one with a small New Year leaflet for Jennie from Clara. It was a short little visit you had from Eddie, but precious I am sure, and it will shorten the winter. Wonder if you are

having a storm now, or is your
fine weather still remaining with
you? You will miss Hattie's family very
much if they go to Dacota. They have
been so good to you and such a
help. But we must not let you
suffer. Our Heavenly Father does
watch over and care for us, &
we must keep on trusting in Him.
Jennie read Hattie's letter, she
said at once "I wonder if Anna
could not come with them, part
way, & we go to meet her." I think
if it should seem best for
you to come Lizzie & myself ought to
go and take all burden of
change off your little shoulders
and thus make it easier for you.
Perhaps I place too high a value on
my own powers! Probably the world
would turn around, if I were
not in it! What time do they
expect to start? How we would

like to see them. Do you take the
Youths' companion this coming year?
The new years number is very pretty
good. Have you laid in enough coal
for a late & severe spring? and have
you lots of chunks for night use
in your room? Tell Mr. Jones that
I want to know that, sure! Has
Charlie Williams brought you
beef yet? and have you had oysters
and canned tomatoes &c? What
do you have that is good to eat?
Hope Uncle Sam took that package
safely. I can hardly wait to hear!
Did Eddie recover from his cold
before he returned? He wanted
to have been right smart glad to
have seen him, and he would
be very right smart glad to see you
but that will come in time.
Ann Shelor has been gone since
Christmas day & returned yesterday
He told Jennie that she was getting

fast and would "do to ship soon"!
She is gaining nicely and her rides
do her good every time, and John
enjoys having her go with him.
He seems quite well for him.
I am pretty smart I think, as you
can judge from my last letter.
It is growing dark. John is washing
his pans & Jennie is making corn
meal porridge for supper. She
just brought in the eggs. 7 today. It is cold.
We did not count them yesterday
but think, about two dozen. If we
had a warm house for them,
we would get a "right smart
chance" of eggs now. John sold
about 16 doz awhile ago at 18 cts.
They have been down to 15 cts since
but this cold weather will bring
them up doubtless. He has not
usually had eggs to sell in
the winter time he says.
Must close with lots of love
from Jennie & Mary H. C.

Osawatomie Jan 11/80

Dear Sister:

I believe you have had your quota of letters this week, as they went down an extra time, but the Saturday letter has not gone, so I write if it be but a few words. We had a lovely little winter in the first part of the week, then clouds, drizzle, mud. Today the sun comes out brightly and by [illegible] noon it is drying the ground very much. Shafer & I have been busy this forenoon laying flagging between our room & the new house, and we are to extend it across from the new house to the milk house and around it &c. There is enough of this flat rock in the pastures and paths and

have been lived here & there all around, but now we are laying a pavement. Won't that be fine? I am working, for encouragement you know I like that kind of running. I have been putting up a little stone wall to keep up the banking by the cellar way. That I do myself! We have not had our house lined yet but think we will soon. Today is lovely like spring. We have been saddened lately by hearing of the death of our friend Mrs. Stanley, the lady at whose house we had that thanksgiving dinner. We had heard that she was ill, of malarial fever, but heard afterwards that she was getting better & as the weather has been so bad, we had not been to see her, & we did not hear

of her death till too late to go to the funeral, which was today at 9 A. M. they going to take the remains, the afternoon for burial. we feel very sorry not to have seen her in her illness. She leaves a husband & one son a young man about 19, who has called here often. — Jennie is getting ready to go with John. She has missed two rides on account of the weather. but today is so pleasant, she will enjoy it I am sure.
Enclosed Edward's last letter which came with last mail & will explain why we had not heard from him. Must close now with bushels of love from Jennie & Mary, John German is here today. It seems quite natural to have our school boy come home once in awhile. Jennie is sewing shoe

buttons on & so please excuse her from writing.

Osawatomie, Jan 25 '96

Dear Sister

Saturday has again come & with it the prospect of sending a letter to you. Our Calendar says that it is a month since Christmas, but we can hardly realize it. Our cold snap, of the first of the week, has given way to warm cloudy weather, leaving ice and mud, after our nice carpet of snow. These weekly storms re= mind me of our Steuben experience, of Storm every Saturday, with roads blocked up for Sunday, as it used to be sometimes for several weeks in succession. Lewis used to say, that there would be sometimes a cycle of three weeks, of similar weather, & occasionally it would double, and be six weeks, We now I think have ~~now~~ had four weeks, so perhaps

"grain rent" that is, one third of the crop, not supply everything as John rented one half and he supply horses, farm implements &c. Something in that way it goes, in your(?) as to whether the grain is housed or left in the field &c. I wish it could be that Robbie & family were coming out here. If he still has it in mind, his way would be to write to John or Edward or both & see what they would say. There are chances for school teaching here

Bushels of Corn from all. "Many

we will have two more, and then there may be a change. Take it all together, this has been a very mild winter thus far. & the roads not very bad. — We were much relieved to get your last letter in which you say that you are being freed from the grasp of "la grippe"; and that the Doctor had been to see you. We were afraid that you might try to get along without him, till it had too firm hold on you or that every body else was sick, and you had no one to send! It was not so bad as that, was it? We wrote to Dr. Swarthout to enquire if he had been called, & requested him, if not, to go and see how you were, at our expense. Dont be afraid of running up a bill, as we will see that it is paid. A few lines have come into my mind in response to a sentence in Eddie's letter written as he was about

leaving you, after his Holiday vacation.
"Eva was four years old on Thanksgiving day." so I pass them over to you for inspection, after writing the first line, I ~~pass~~ hand it ~~over~~ to Jennie, at her request, for copying. All the better for your eyes! Such a scribbler as I am! Do you remember how long it is since I wrote you that I found that hand pen? Well I am writing with it still, and I think it does pretty well, do you not? I wish I could find another to send to you, it is so curious. That little red mitten, was given me by John Shafer who brought it in one day, saying that he found it in the wagon, and wondered how it got there. A day or so after he said that it had been slipped into his pocket by some young girls in a frolic, and had slipped from his pocket into the wagon. I told him that it was

on to you. not that I wanted to give you the mitten in any way!
we had an event in our quiet life yesterday. There was to be an auction not far from here of stock and some household furniture, so, as John & Shep. were going for a little while in the afternoon, we jumped in & went along. They had got through by the time we reached there! but we had our ride all the same. and although not acquainted, I went in for a few minutes to see the old lady, who has been very ill with pneumonia, & is now suffering from an attack of jaundice. She was selling out & effects to go to live with a daughter in another county. leaving the place I believe to a son. Has Robbie decided to go to Osceola? I hear that Horace Barnard's farm is to let 160 acres at $1. an acre. They often rent here for what they call

We shall be very anxious to hear again now you are packing and .. pretty, ... would send you ... are just ...

"grain rent" that is, one third of the crop ... supper, everything ...

Love, dearest, from us all. May our dear Heavenly Father keep you safely and lovingly till we meet again — Yours Mary

Osawatomie K's May 10/90

Dear Sister;

We are having a good visit with Eddie. It is a great treat as you well know. Eddie was detained a day in St. Louis on account of having to stop there to get a permit to stop here. By mistake, he checked his trunk to Sedalia & it went right on while he stayed. So he will send the things designed for Osawatomie, back after he reaches there. He walked up from town (by way of the new bridge) on Thursday noon reached here, as John & I were starting to mill. He took my place & thus had a visit

with his father on the way. Mrs.
Reynolds drove in the yard with
horse & buggy just as we were doing
the how do you do's: & after they
started, she came in making us a
little visit. She was going farther
& invited Jennie to take a ride
with her, which she did, and enjoyed
it very much indeed. On her
return, she said they had decided
between them that it would be
best not to have the surprise
this evening, as Eddie had
come sooner ~~than~~ we expected
& she ~~thought~~ felt it quite a relief
to have it so, as we have not
all the conveniences &c. Eddie
goes with his Father to town today
They can have more of a visit so
than when John is at work. K. E.

churned today & yesterday, and helped me get dinner a la auld Lang Syne. We are anxious to get ~~[illegible]~~ your next letter to know how you survived the parting with our boy. Is your courage holding out? and are you pretty well? We feel anxious to know whether you had a cold snap as we did last week Eddie said it was snowing when he passed through Michigan on Tuesday. That night we had heavy frost here, and there has been a snow storm in Dakota. Will be relieved if you did not take cold with change of stoves. Be careful dear till settled warm weather

comes on. Have you nice
chunks to keep fire all
night. It is harder to keep
up a steady heat with
wood. So you had to change
off Dolly. Hope you will
like the new horse. What
is his name? Eddie is
writing to Robbie to see if
Jennie can come & board
there for awhile. He thinks
a change is desirable. &
Jennie would like to go
there.

Aunt Mary goes to prepare eggs
for father to go to town, & wishes
me to close. Aunt Jennie is asleep,
having a nice rest. I am afraid
Uncle Eddie will not be here to visit
us while I am here

How I wish you could enjoy with us the beautiful bouquets that adorn our room. Two are in one window (the one by the stove), one consists of roses, dark red, lighter red, & yellow with a profusion of rich green leaves the other of peonys, three or four white, one pink, & one yellow, Jennie got them at John Dessenden's yesterday & five days ago she got from Mrs. Reynolds a bewilderingly beautiful bouquet of roses, red, pink, & white honeysuckle, wisteria, and some others of which we do not know the name. They still look very nicely though not quite so fresh as those of yesterday's picking.

up. [illegible] We were very glad to know that you had at last been able to take a ride and that you like your new Tiger. Do you get Oranges now and then? Jennie has craved them lately and we have got them quite frequently. 3 for a dime. We did not send very much in the box; a few cans of fruit & some stock[illegible] & a pair of shoes of Jennie's for you. They are hardly worn and so soft she thinks you can put them on for gardening after the buttons are sewed on! We did not take time for that or to brush them either. Much love dearest. Mary.

we use sealing cans for
vases, and this one has a round
vegetable dish also, in which the
can is set & flowers in both.
O so lovely! When we get any-
thing so nice we always exclaim
"I wish Anna could have that!"
or "see that," or "enjoy it with us"
so you see these beauties make
us think of you always. Jennie
is writing to Maggie & Judson.
and asking them for the
name of the firm that
makes boxes or something
to pack butter in small pkgs.
John's "dairy cloth" is hardly firm
enough for this warm weather
I have been out weeding
some this morning. We have
some volunteer ~~tomatoes~~ plants that
spread out almost as large
as my hand with - the fingers
spread. They will come early.

The seed that we put in the ground will give us plants in time. The second leaves are forming. We need a soaking rain very much. Had a nice thunder shower last evening with a little hail, A good deal of rain must have fallen around much more I think than we had here.
We had two new calves this morning. & Jennie found one trotting around after its mother in the pasture yesterday. This will make 17 "fresh" cows I think.
I find this morning that another of our grape vines is putting forth a bud making five now. Perhaps some more will put forth after awhile. The young trees are all doing well.
Two of the young peach trees have red leaves. the others green. John Shaper says the red leaves belong

to the cling stone variety. There is a good prospect for fruit this season. More strawberry and raspberry blossoms than we have seen before. Gooseberries are as large as small currants not so very small either. Apples plums & cherries are promising well and growing nicely. Do you get the Youths Companion in order? We have not been very faithful to send them on time but hope to do better. Have now May 1st & 8th ready to send. Too bad we have been so slow. Thanks for the Heralds. They waft a breeze from home. I am anxious to know whether you had the Easter No. of Y. C. as we did not put it ourselves in the Office. Jennie says she sent you the receipt for the box. Did you receive it. The box has now been a week on the way. We have not yet had the home things from Sedam. They may be there today. Now dear good bye and keep

of this neighborhood is to be held at the Quaker
Church about 3 miles south. There John
Shafer and Mr. Barnard are buried.
Mr. B. died a year ago of pneumonia.
He was an old settler and perhaps you
remember he told us, that John's house
was the first at which they stopped
in Kansas. He called here several
times when we were strangers here and
was the first Kansasian who manifested
any interest in us. His son Horace
was a great friend of Frank's. He left
one other son, Addison, both married,
and their mother who has long suffered
with a tumor on her neck. We never
have seen her but John has her likeness

Jay's age and a smaller
one. — Mrs. Reynold's family
consists of two sons and a
married daughter mother
of a 4 yr old lad. There is
a husband too in each
house, and the step-
father at Mrs. Dary[illegible]'s.
— I have found very
congenial friends at
Mr. John Lessenden's.
She is from Maine.
John told us once soon
after we came here
that Mr. J. Lessenden
was a very intelligent
man — a greater reader
than ordinary. Now
do you feel a bit acquain-
ted — that I had to come over?
Very lovingly your Sisters Mary and [illegible]

taken since we came to Kansas. Her
face interests us much. John Eddie took
pains to call on her when she was
here. It is about 3 miles from here,
rather far for Mary to walk, but I
think we will try it soon. Addison
who works his mother's farm, lives a little
this side of her. He sells garden straw=
berries and we want to get some as our
field strawberries will not last much long=
er. Yesterday Mary and I picked enough
for two meals - a bit scant for the second
- if I find time when they are gone to
town I try for a few more, Mary stayed
to pick gooseberries on her way back. She
got about 2 qts in a little while. I had
to hurry back to bake the bread. Addi=
son Barnard also sells sweet potato plants
15 cts a 100. We want to get some soon. It
is about time to set them out. Indeed
the men only wait now for leisure. Did
I tell you about the Indian apple. They

say they are good for pickles. We mean to try and if we like them may give you a taste by the next box! We shall be looking for a report of the one we sent. The apples ~~took~~ taste a good deal like the may apples, and grow in clusters flat on the ground. I have 3 or 4 bunches in our wild bouquet. One has 7 in each of two clusters - another one cluster of 6, and the third 2 of 4 & 2. I don't find the fourth. I picked them before I knew they could be pickled. Mary is getting a leaf to send you. They are sometimes called "Prairie Peas." ... them sometimes and they taste like ... pea pods. Jennie keeps our room well supplied with bouquets, wild ones now mostly. Have you any pansies? Mrs. Reynolds sent me a blue one, much like our "Emperor William", but with the lower petal shaded light at the lower edge. This is a beautiful

time to give me. When I went there I took them a little molasses candy - then went on to Mrs. Snyder's. It was early and I wanted them to know how smart I was, I was going for a bouquet Ella S. had made to take to a party the evening before and she promised it to me when she brought it home. After a little call there I went over to see Mrs. Darymple. I had met her at the quilting at Mrs. Reynold's. She and I are afflicted alike with our hearing. They have a pleasant house and gardens - flower & vegetable - also fruit trees and grape vines Cherries (early) were ripe and I was invited to help myself! also to strawberries. When I came away she gave me a large bouquet of roses, a few pansies, pinks, honeysuckle &c. She also gave me enough lettuce for two meals - very tender it was. She invited me to come again and not to forget when the grapes would be ripe! She has two pretty little girls who go to school, Jennie & Nellie. Her step father is Patterson so the children are cousins. Mrs. Snyder also has an interesting family, two daughters grown - two little ones one son Henry about

indeed we have had but very few till now. Jennie has made four pies this morning, two mince, one gooseberry and one pieplant also a good fat cake gingerbread & the half johnny cake for dinner, made by your humble servant. Jennie has lost one of her little turkeys. John's cream tumbled head foremost into the well & didn't spill! the cover of the can remaining on. He had to go down after it, then came into the house after a pail for water leaving the cover of the well, or one board of it, off while he came in. When he returned to the well the hen & little turkeys were around the well, but one was gone! John was afraid it had fallen into the water, and they tried to look me up to see if my ears could be of any use. but I had taken my sewing and was quietly enjoying

a rest on the hay by the barn & for a wonder Jennie did not think of looking there. So it was of no help. We have failed to find the little thing in the well or any of it. Perhaps it got lost in the grass before John noticed its loss. We have two black now & one light. Mrs. Harvey, the lady of whom we got the eggs says the black ones are the toughest. The wild roses are in bloom now & we are saving leaves. I think I pressed for you once a delicate white flower, quite large, but with very thin petals four of them. I think it is a kind of primrose, very pretty ~~indeed~~. There is a great abundance of them now in meadows & pastures & everywhere. I tried to press some flowers this season but failed, they are so delicate & curl easily. I wish you had some, also the white larkspur & bellflower.

- I have just been out for a shake up gathering rose leaves. I came in with a nice lot and they are drying. I expected to find some Indian apples but I must have kept my eyes too high looking for roses. Those we had before I picked off the stem and put in salt and water. Tomorrow or Monday I change for hot vinegar. They were a little wilted but maybe the brine will fill them out. I found the blackberry bushes covered with berries now showing with red. These were in the orchard. There is a pretty large patch near the road - but well inside of the gate! Then there are a good many up near the cemetery. Speaking of the cemetery reminds me of the drowning of a young lad last ~~Saturday~~ Sunday. He was bathing. The late rains have swollen the rivers and creeks very much. He was buried Monday in our cemetery - Mrs. Patterson told me when I was there Wednesday. She is the mother of those two sweet little sisters Nellie 5 and Cora 2. Nellie wanted to be finding something pretty all the

day. When we have such days, I wish you might be here to enjoy the getting out &c, but when the S. E. wind blows as it did Thursday forenoon & Wednesday night, I feel as though you could hardly stand it. It is as much as I can do. It is not at all frightful but blow, blow steady all the time, with no let up. It is apt to bring rain & often a thunder storm & perhaps that is the reason it affects me so. How are your tomatoes? We have some volunteers in flower. We have had several messes of lettuce brought by Jennie from the neighbors. Ours are very small, but coming. Eight grape vines & twelve raspberry ditto have put forth leaves & are doing finely & more may come yet from the roots. Peaches are as large as those sugar plums they used to have at Thos T. Evans. Apples the earliest ones, Golden sweet &c are larger. There is a good prospect of fruit of all kinds. We have had more strawberries this season, than at any time since we came

Asa. June 27/90

Dear Sister,

You ought to see what a gardener I have got to be. I have 14 "Mikado" tomato plants, 24 "Acme", 1 "Matchless", (volunteer) a dozen or more other volunteers, several of them the grape tomato 8 Grape vines. 4 Raspberry vines, 6 Peach trees, 2 Pear trees, 1 long row of Beets & two of Onions in charge & have thus far kept them hoed & free from weeds The trees began to be pretty weedy but I hoed around them & put a pan of ashes around each. I also have a little garden about 8 ft square, which I rescued from the weeds, enclosed with a fence, lath &c a week ago Thursday, raked it

well and put down cucumber & radish seeds The cucumbers were up on Monday & the radish on Tuesday. The former have their second leaves some of them. The ground was just right, took it in hand as soon as it would do after those heavy rains. I think I will put down some beet seeds where they have dug up early ~~tomatoes~~ potatoes. There is now a part of a row & I can begin. We have new potatoes now every day. Wish you could share with us. [28th] Jennie is getting breakfast. I slept well last night & wakened early & went out to ~~hoe~~ a little The sun has just risen. Don't know but I shall collapse after a while, & crawl in for a nap as I am want to do after getting up earlier than usual, but as I put in a good night's sleep, think perhaps I can stand it awhile. I am apt to waken somewhere about 2 A.M. lie awake an hour or more & then drop asleep, (Is not that Mary?) Jennie had a letter from Robbie this week. "All usually well:" — Mary says, can't you write a little to Anna? So much paper and the horses by the door! She is dressing to go. It is a sunny, warm day but breezy enough for comfort in the shade. Mr. A. Barnard promised to bring us some black raspberries Thursday — but failed to come. I went to see why yesterday, and promised to go again Wednesday and help pick it

Asa. June 3d 1870

Dear [illegible]

I wish you could see the bouquet of wild flowers with which Jennie has decorated our stove. It covers the hearth and reaches to the top of the stove. If we only could transfer it to your room. Jennie says she has enjoyed it as much as if not more than any of the many that have come to cheer us from our neighbors' gardens. & they have been very lovely. Garden roses are nearly gone now and wild ones are just coming. Their pale pink petals are very sweet, fine to a flower. no double ones among the wild roses. They look much like our sweet

and hard curds from clabbered milk. We have two broods of chicks about ready but they are too wild for me to feed, they stay about the lower barn or somewhere else that way. We have one chick left of our 4 early ones - I had six with the hens now and it is not determined nights like its mates.

Briar but a little larger & not quite
so fragrant. Jennie brought me a
few yesterday which are dying.
We are so glad that Lizzie Hughes
is so near & that she remembers
you. Hope she & her husband will
call often. Our love to her.
You will miss the neighbors in
the other house. How is Nann
Price? Is she able to be about
again after her second accident
How is dear Nancy & how are the
rest? Is Jane's Mother still with
her? Thank Jane for that nice
present sent by Eddie. It is so
nice to be remembered especially
when you are far away. Has Frank
finished helping Mr. Jones with the
fences? Our boys are out fencing
today & yesterday as after our
soaking rain the ground will
not be ready to work till tomorrow

It is cloudy today and we may have
more distilling of gentle showers
before the tilling can be resumed.
We had some fine showers when
John & I were out on Saturday.
I had that thick ulster on and
so let it *pour*, and was no worse
for it. As we drove to the last place
on our rounds which by the way
is not near any of the others, the
rain came down just *as easy*,
and a lady in the next house to
where we were stopping, sent a
little boy to me with an *umbrella*
I told her that we had had one
pretty good wetting and I thought
a little more would not hurt us.
but she insisted on my taking it,
(John was in the other house) It seemed
so kind, & we perfect strangers. It
rained a good deal on the way
home & we were glad of the shelter.

We are sorry to know that Laura & Carrie are so feeble. Give our love to them, wish we could see them. We could send you a bit larger apple now. They are large around, the earliest we have, as butternuts and the peaches too. Mr. Reynolds must have cherries ripe for they were decidedly red last Thursday when I was there last. Ours are a later kind but they are growing. Gooseberries are very thick and large enough to put up. Ask Mrs. H. if she thinks they could be kept in water like pieplant without heating. People keep wild plums here so by picking them when they are hard not quite ripe. It did look like rain awhile ago but it has cleared. We are having windy days quiet nights. Mary says we have had it so most all spring and appeals for proof to the letters she has written you. I think the spring was like Indian summer a great part of the time! Which is right? Our four turkeys prosper and are funny and funnier in form as they grow. I feed them bread dipped in buttermilk.

and had [illegible]

Osa, July 21/ 1890.

Dear Sister, Excuse brown paper, as we are again out of letter paper. Must try & get a supply & not be so careless. Have you had any berries yet? We are enjoying the blackberries yet. they are so nice. Wish you could have some too. but that Western man will be around soon & I hope you will patronize him. Did you get the draft all right? I am having another cashed today which came from Ottawa Sat. so you and we can sympathize in having some thing in our pockets. What fruits and vegetables does Remsen market supply now? If you see Miss Rogers again please remember us to her & ask which she missed most when she called on you our company or the green corn! Our best love to Mrs. Elias Jones, what a delightful home she has and what a ... she gives her guests! What is the matter with R. W. Jones? His wife and daughter are such famous nurses that I do hope they can help him up again. Your letter has carried us right among the dear friends. Tell them all we never forget and the western people tho' kind are not like our home folks. Mrs. Reynolds is more like an old friend than a new, and Mrs. Snyder - they both knew and loved Sarah J. E's mother and Mrs. R. and her brother were among those who did the most for Frank when he was sick - Yesterday after 5 p.m. Mary and I took a lunch, some water and pails for berries & we came back before dark minus the first & loaded as to the latter but alas our sugar was all gone! One of our neighbors Mr. Patterson

was here after butter when we returned so we gave him one pailfull. Perhaps you remember my writing about his two dear little girls. They have no berries on their farm and when we were picking I said to Mary if I was not too tired I would take some over there while she got supper. We were both glad to be saved that walk. This a.m. fearing our berries would not keep well till tomorrow without sugar I borrowed some of Mrs. Geo. Lessenden — then went on to call on Mrs. Reynold. You ought to see the great boquet she gave me! I made them up into two as I had nothing large enough for all in one, and the everlastings I hung to dry — Our rains of last week, farmers say saved the corn crop! and other crops are looking well — Our apples are abundant and just getting nice for eating. The tomatoes are ripening and our cucumbers which we were so late sowing are in bloom. Mrs. R. had a panfull of onion sets drying by her back door. I did not have time to go into her vegetable garden so cannot tell how many things they have ready or already harvested. We had chicken to dinner yesterday and berry pie for supper — today we had pork & beans. We baked bread today or rather Mary baked it and I made it — set sponging last night — It looks very nice! Have you a supply of cuttings or shall I send you some — when our mill starts again so we can have fresh corn meal. I would like to see little Jen & her chicks — We have a good many broods and hens sitting — some steal their nests & two I divided the 26 eggs, we found one ambitious hen trying

[Written vertically in right margin:] We enjoy the letter & Hopkinsville Heralds. Don't send them as soon as through [illegible]

Osawatomie Ks Aug 1/90

Dear Sister;

How fast the weeks and months fly! but one more month of summer, and you will soon be counting the weeks before Eddie's return. I had a nice letter from him this week in reply to one in which I expressed some solicitude in regard to his health in that hot climate. He says he has not had an ache or a pain this summer. He also spoke of his visit to the Indian Ter. and camping out three nights. It must have been a great treat to him. Is cousin Jennie there yet? How good she is to make you such nice visits. How did

you like Mr. Innis? Is he good enough for Josie? It was nice & thoughtful in the cousins to bring up some garden goodies. It was a treat for you and made the table nicer. I picked three quite large cucumbers today, from vines the seed for which was planted June 19th. Was not that a pretty rapid growth? I also picked two small ones for pickles. The others were for slicing up for table. They were a treat, as they are the first we have had here since we came. Our grape tomatoes are ripening fast. & I have enjoyed eating them with salt. The larger ones are turning white. We have had several small ones ripe, about the size of walnuts. I had a pleasant time at the

Silver wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds
How did you like the lines? Am
I getting to be too presuming?
They seemed much pleased with them,
also the friends & some said
that they were worth more
than all the presents! I do not
think so ~~though~~. Mrs. R. had a gold
watch from her husband, & he a
silver one from her. They had a
beautiful large Bible with the
old & new version of New Testament
in parallel columns & a concordance
Mrs. R. wants Jennie to write
their family record in it as
she writes such a good hand.
~~They also~~ This present was from
Emma & Geo. McBlain. They also
had a set of knives & forks from
their other children & her brother
I think. There was also a very
nice butter dish with a handle

When do you think I had better come home? Eddie thinks not till the middle of May, but it seems to me that that will be very late. We can get tomatoes &c (plants) from Utica I suppose, but when is it time to put down onions (heads) &c. I hope to be over my cold soon & will then feel I hope more vigorous for planning. Am today taking drive which always comes in with me to clear up a cough. Eddie has been thinking that it might be well to have you come on here for this summer and if he should remain we could be together. The people in both places would be very sorry to have him go. & there has been some talk of having him ordained. but if he goes to N. Y. to complete his course

we know not what turn
affairs may take. This is a
windy & changeable climate
& I do not know surely how
you would like it. If I.E.
should settle in Kans. it
seems as though we ought
to be here too as all the
rest are here now except
us. Hope you had my
letter containing Mr. Rossiter
E. has heard nothing
since. Has he told you
what Salary he has? It
is $800. between the
two churches. They do not
receive anything from
the Home Missionary
Board at present.
E. preached here yesterday
morning and went to
Harper by train in the
afternoon for evening

services. He is to go to the Presbytery tomorrow to be away three days. Am now going with this to the P. O. and hope there is a letter from you. Am anxious to hear about your cold. Much love to the cousins and your own dear self. Have I told you how busy I have been since I have been here? Think I have. Am most through & E's clothes will be in pretty good shape. Put a braid on my dress skirt this A. M.

Adieu dearie
Mary

At the P. O. yours rec'd Have glanced over enough to see that you are pretty well. Will take home to read & write again.

over the top like that pickle dish of ours. I think there was also a pickle dish like ours. The butter dish had a place to hold a butter knife at the side. There was a butter knife. Spoons & I hardly know what else. One couple who will probably have their golden wedding if spared five years, brought a nice vase. Two ladies joined together & got a silver thimble with Mrs. K's initials & so & so all had a pleasant time. The company numbered from 25 – 30. not so large as they had intended, as they had been bothered, and were almost afraid that the threshers would be there that day! They gave me some cake to take home which the two J's enjoyed.

[illegible] anxiously

looking for word to tell how you have been after that early, long, windy ride from cousin Charlie's. If you stood that without getting sick, we will be ready for our song of rejoicing. We think of you much & trust that you will be dealt gently with. We had a beautiful thunder shower in the afternoon yesterday. A fine rainbow appeared after the shower & the sun set clear but there were clouds around with lightning in the distance all night and today we are having gentle drizzle. It will do a wonderful amount of good to the thirsty pastures

night-but today she would own but one of them - the others she persistently 'peaked'. The time mother came off her nest-and now she cares for these two. Our three turkeys grow fast-and are very interesting to us. When you see Ellen Price tell her about them and ask how we shall fatten one for Thanksgiving. There seems to be one hen and 2 gobblers. We think of wintering over the pair. We are so glad of this precious gentle rain.

All will add loving [illegible] Did [illegible] get my letter?

and land in general. Day before yesterday the boys reported a dearth of water for the cattle & so they cleared a place for water to run from the largest spring there is on the farm. the others all being dry. There will be plenty for the present, and this lovely rain will help greatly. They have had to drive to Pottawatomie creek, about two miles to water, but not since we have been here. This is the dryest season that we have seen here. Our tomatoes are ripening nicely now. I brought in quite a pan full this morning before the rain. We also have plenty of cucumbers for the table & must now begin to pick for pickling. One is getting ripe, so we will save the seed. Our peaches are ripening

on two or three trees. They are only scrubs, but Jennie has made two pies. Wish you could have a piece. Have you had tomatoes yet? in the market, I mean, Of course it is too early for the garden. Could you not get some of Mr. Robt. Edwards'? Their garden is early. Get a few now & then till yours come. How are your beans & peas? Mrs. Geo. Lessenduny, who gave us some nice peas last summer, told me that the rabbits had taken theirs this year. Wish we could give them some in return, but we did not put down the seed. I feel proud of our tomatoes and cucumbers.

Jennie wrote a letter to Robbie's father the other day & yesterday it came back to us, with notice stamped on it. "No such P.O. in State named;" and what do you

think, she had put N.Y. instead of Dak.! She had put my name on the envelope, for return if necessary, so the formula did good that time. We had a chance to send last evening, so it is winging its way to the North West, instead of towards the old home. We have been having "roasting ears" for about a week, nice and sweet. Do you know the meaning of that term? "Back East" we would say "Green Corn." Our Golden Sweets are nearly gone. Another sweet tree is coming on apace. - Mary picked a bu. or more of small pie apples - also half a pan of peaches. She had to go through the tall grass & weeds, so she was dripping wet - when she got through & gladly bathed & redressed. I got breakfast, washed dishes, milk pans & pails, made beds and a currant-cake, besides biscuits for dinner, put-on potatoes, fried bacon, set-table, washed dinner dishes and began to clean out the wood box. I most forgot to mention putting meal into emptings I am making and setting it to rise. Yesterday a hen in the big stable hatched 3 chicks, as there were 4 more eggs, we took the little things about dark and gave them to the mother of 5 just - a little older. They passed a quiet

Osawatomie Kas Aug 9

I fear that you think I am very negligent, but Jennie has been so good to write that I seem to have hid behind her cloak but that will not do for all time. You ought to have seen the rain storm through which we brought your letter home Sat eve. It had been a very warm day and we had not watched the western sky very closely, or perhaps we would have seen the dark streak near the horizon. It was nearly five P.M. when we started (later than usual) but we went along cheerily When we were about half through our route I noticed an extensive dark cloud in the west with a

your cold; but do not give up hope too soon. I think Syrup might help too. Will just came in & said he had found a swarm of bees in the corn. So he is fixing up an old hive which has been lying around & I want to see it. They are on the side of a standing corn stalk and sucking out the sweet juice. We went up & tinkled on pans while Will cut down the stalk. After the bees began to go in the hive we left Will and came in to dress & to write. —J.W.

beautiful silver strip along the upper edge, and just above the sun, as it were a solid silver chunk as large as four or five suns. It was just beautiful & I enjoyed it greatly although the cloud foretold a wetting. We proceeded on our way, depositing our yellow rolls here & there, but as we stopped in the town for mail, flour & sugar, the cloud came on apace, with beautiful streaks of lightning & peals of Heaven's Artillery. As we left the Post Office a few drops began to fall. I had wrapped the flour (a small bag, as they happily had no large one) in the double blanket with which we cover the butter to protect it from the sun, & put it under the seat had also put a dry sack in the bottom of one of our the butter pails

and wrapping another around the sugar put that in with a couple of pounds of borax then tucked in the papers from P.O., put the letters in my hand bag. took off my mitts hurriedly stuck them in & put it, the bag, in with the rest. I had a good mind to take off my hat & put that also under cover thought I would wait till out of sight of the houses. John put on his coat, but I had nothing over my grey dress. Being neither sugar, flour, borax or mail matter I thought the rain would not harm me & so drove on. By the way it was so nearly dark that they had lit up in the stores, we had ~~seven~~ eight more calls to make & by the time we reached the first place it was sprinkling pretty hard. The lady said 'twasn't

you come in?", "No" I said, we
could not leave the horses.
"Have you any wraps?" was the
next question, "I havn't anything"
said I. So she handed to John
a good thick gossamer which
I hurried into as quickly as I
putting feet in the butter pail & dress head in my bag [?]
could x and on we went, the
rain &c. coming thicker and
Our lady had gone to bed, so we did not see her [?]
fastening ^& we dropped 12 lbs of butter
in the several houses & then
for home. The horses never need
urging when on the home stretch,
& so we came, on the double quick.
Had it not lightened so constantly I
could not have seen the road, but
had no difficulty as it was & so we
came safely. It reminded me of
the time we went blackberrying to
Windy Gap [?], & came out of the woods
in a thunder storm. & I lost my sun-
bonnet! How are you there? Are you still
improving? Would not Stephen help clear up

Osawatomie Ks. Oct 10/90

Dear Sister;

I was going to put a word in the N. E. corner of Jennie's letter but she says, "take another sheet," so here it is. As we were going to town the other day we saw just turning from a yard a little ahead of us a load of furniture & household goods, starting towards town. A woman and baby & a man driving sat on what seemed a precarious seat in front. On top above the wagon box a good way there was a flat square looking box about the width of the wagon & on top of that various chairs &c, roped on. I very soon saw that that top story was sliding to the right, and watched it with

some anxiety; slowly but surely it was sliding to the right and as there came a little jerk in the road the left side would give an extra tip up. They were too far for me to call to them so I had to sit there in interested suspense. Pretty soon Charley Dryden (about 10 years old) met us having come past the load with its tumbling top, "See Charley" said I, "they are going to lose a part of their load, run & tell them, run Charley", but he only laughed & passed on, regardless as it seemed to me, of the 11th commandment, & let them go. We got quite near them as they came to a turn in the road, when as they turned to the left the top gave a lurch & hung over to the right.

I waved my hand and shouted "Your load is sliding off to the right." They looked around & sure enough so it was. The man slowly got down & shoved it back & the woman called to me, "Thank you for hollering!"

Osa., Kan., Oct. 25, 1890

Dear Sister & Cousin,

Am I writing too often? It seems long between your letters, and Mary is keeping us waiting for something from her pen! Is she getting up a poem or pean? or what is she preparing for us? A little hash served hot; is better than steak left to grow cold and strong! "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

I believe you know that going to the creamery is a thing of the past; but Saturday is regular butter day. We have been enjoying a few warm, balmy days — this p.m. the wind is cold from the west = we have had two nights with frost this week but the tomatoes do not seem to have suffered. Mary has not been feeling quite so well

and we have not gained so much in pickling &c as we hoped to do after ceasing the daily rides to town. Mary washed yesterday. It was a heavy wash as we had not done any last week — washing so late in the week tempts us to skip a week, but our store of towels, bedding and John's clothes become almost a heap or mountain.

We had chicken to dinner — a spring rooster — I went out before dawn to secure him. We are having a laugh at Hanse. I asked him a few days ago to kill a chicken for dinner. He brought one, minus its head, saying it was a young rooster — so we prepared for a tender fowl! Got it ready allowing 1½ hours for cooking — oh, by the way, in dressing it — Mary found eggs — little ones — and we supposed it was a pullet but the time it took to grow tender proved it an old hen! It was nice

the next day
after cooking all afternoon! nicer we decided than the young one - She was fat and juicy! and made us two good meals - Mary asked Hamse this noon whose chicken he liked best, his or mine - and he said his - We went into the timber ~~yester~~ Sunday but it was wet walking and not easy to have a good time - It was long since we had been before and the change was almost sad! The lovely flowers all gone! Mary & I got some bright bitter sweet tho' which hangs over our looking glass. She saw Sibbie Snyder as she was coming home after taking Sunday milk & butter. Sibbie was returning from Mrs. Reynolds with a wonderful large boquet - dallias, zinnias and I don't know what all - the frost respects her garden so far! - I wonder if my nonsense tires you too much - Enough now - Write soon please -
Jennie -

Osawatomie Ks. Oct 25/90

I send you some leaves that I plucked one day, as I rambled around the pasture way. They were gorgeous then, they are beautiful now, O, how I wish some one would tell me how they take on these shades of beauty bright, and shed on our pathway such wondrous light.

We are having beautiful autumn weather. three frosty nights this week have killed our tomato vines though that is all the harm done thus far. We have a great many green ones. I can hardly realize that you are there, cousin May, as you do not write; but "I reckon" that my heart

All well as usual

would be a good deal more uneasy than it is if you were not there. Hope there will be a letter from both of you today. We do not go to town every day now as the creamery has closed. We make more money this way as butter is 25 cts now. & John enjoys making it. Eggs are 20 cts, but we get but very few. How are they with you? What is the last news from Mrs. Huddleston. Did she have pneumonia or what? Anna has not written us the contents of Maggie's letter, only referred to it in her last. Today is Saturday. I wonder if some of Charlie's folks are making you a visit. When have you heard from Robbie's folks. Must close with lots of love Mary.

Osawatomie Dec 3d/80

Dear Sister;

We have sent you such little scraps for some time now that I commenced a letter to you in time, and wrote six pages. Now as it is most time to start to town I took it up as I supposed, to finish, and find the first sheet of four pages gone! Am almost too much disappointed to say a word, but want to tell you how pleased we are to feel that you are with the cousins and where you can get out to see such beautiful things as that floral display. We are very thankful to Lucy for her kind care and to all the dear ones who drop in upon you and make the time cheery & bright. We feel so much easier about you than if you were in

the old home this winter, dear as it is to us all. So Richd & Ellen Davies dont forget you yet and Charlie is near enough to call. Has cousin May gone home yet? — The box & everything in it came nicely just one week from the day it started, at least we got it that day. Many thanks for remembering that Sateen which we had forgotten The waterproof dress will be just the thing for Jennie this winter Cost of box $2.25, weight 30 lbs. We think you did well with the things and that you were a brave little woman to carry it through so nicely. What rent do you receive from the farm When will you receive the first pay=ment? Anything in time to help in settling up with Mrs. H. & Mr. P.? You have had a hard struggle and it is time for a little more ease & less expense

and care. We feel quite satisfied with the arrangement. Did you receive any of the apples except those in the garden? We have had an exceptionally beautiful Nov. & Dec is pleasant so far though a storm seems to be brewing. Dec 1st was warm almost as May. it is a little raw today. We now look for your report about Thanksgiving. Did you all go en masse? How was Uncle? We had a very pleasant time, Our turkey was fat and tender & cranberry jell & mince pies extra good. The jell was made two thirds cranberry & one third apple. was really delicious more delicate than all cranberry Mrs. Renolds & her little grandson called in the afternoon & Jennie in her hospitable way gave each a few slices of turkey & some jelly which they seemed to enjoy. We

Sunday eve. (2)

I had a nap this forenoon and another about dusk letting Jenie get the supper! and am therefore improving my wakefulness this evening by visiting with you, while the rest are all asleep. It is near "nine oclock and all is well". Had a nice letter from Robbie last evening. He is on his second month of school, which will continue till the last week in Jan. Mary Ann, Libbie's sister had been there about a week, and her visit was doing them ever so much good. They were all well. Lewis had been out hunting with another boy that noon & had brought home a fat Jack Rabbit so Lewis was expecting a fine feast. There are quantities of rabbits on

this farm it is a fine hunting place for rabbits and quails. The most numerous rabbits are "the cotton tails"! Their tails are curled & white and look like a bunch of cotton as they bob along. They are said to be good eating this time of the year. — Dec. 1st evening. The storm didnot come, but the day has been as bright & warm almost as May. Towards evening fires became very comfortable. Last winter we did not have real cold weather till after Jan 9th I think. This afternoon Jennie & I went over to Mrs. Reynolds and though we did not find the folks at home we feel refreshed with the outing. Jennie has some cold & so has inaugurated a Molasses candy campaign. We made some

made a call there day before yesterday and little Kenneth, 4 years old, made a point to entertain us. He cracked a lot of walnuts & brought them in several times, in his cap: saying "would you like some more? I can crack lots of them. Bye & bye he said to me, "wasn't that turkey fat?" "Yes" I said "fat & tender". "Yes" said he "fat & tender & wasn't the jelly nice?" So Jennie found the way to his heart. Saturday she sent with me a little turkey with dressing & a cup of jelly to Henry Snyder, who you will remember fell from a tree 8 weeks ago, & Sunday afternoon two of his sisters brought over for Jennie some hickory, pecan & walnuts from their farm. I do not think we have the two former on this farm. I picked up our walnuts yesterday & with what I had gathered before have about a bushel. Wonder if this sheet is as good as the last one.

Sat eve after coming from town and two or three times since. Ready to start so good by with love from all to the dear cousins & your own precious self.

Your loving sister

Mary

Osawatomie, Dec. 6, 1880.

My dear Sister,

We saw yesterday in the Boonville Herald a notice of the death of John Williams – two out of that household have passed away since we left home! How many vacant places will we find if ever we go home! How quickly life passes! Let us live to win heaven!

We are having the grip of winter hold of us! tho' no snow or rain since those dreary days before thanksgiving. Yesterday John had a last-spring's calf killed and we have meat a plenty and very nice. Most of it hangs high in the corn crib, we hope not to be obliged to corn much of it as the weather is cold. You probably know that Robbie intends coming here early in Feb. to rent John's farm or to work for him. John has too much care now that his eyesight has failed so much, tho' he is doing better with his

dairy than ever before. Mary helps him so faithfully, but it is a tax on her she does not find a light one. She drives the team of horses to and from town and they are of the pulling kind giving her arms full exercise. I think they are better of that since she has tried less tension on her end of the lines!

That box came so quickly that we can hardly realize that its journey was no less than those other tantalizing ones! John paid for it and the clothes will more than repay him. My water-proof dress will I hope be a treasure by and by, if the rats don't get it first. We have caught four with a trap in the corner they have gnawed through from the outside. The men have been shelling corn and filling the bags for John to go to the mill after feed. He has it exchanged for meal to save him waiting. It takes quite a little [illegible] to weigh the corn & then its equivalent in ground corn so that Mary usually utilizes it making a call on Mrs. [illegible]. It was from her that I bought the turkey eggs, and she will let us have more next spring, so we need not keep turkeys all winter.

We shall be glad to get the details of how our farm is rented when it is convenient. — privileges are reserved. If Libbie & Mary Ann are here we may go home next summer – or Mary may. Shall we have half of the apples? Have you made any arrangement to have the roofs cleared in case of heavy snow? Was the water let down in the cistern pump? Is the cellar banked?

Have you seen cousin Minnie Roberts since going to Utica? Is she in Omaha now? Is her brother studying medicine? or has he been? If I remember rightly he chose that for his profession before he went to the Academy. I wonder if we shall see Minnie sometime in this western world! What kind of a time had you in N. Y. Mills? How near do the cars come to 89 Grand St.? You must have enjoyed that floral treat with cousin [illegible]. I miss the flowers so much. What did you do with our plants at home? We have none here – we have no warm window and I believe we neglected to water the two we hung from hooks near our [illegible] window – they dried up and cannot be coaxed to start again. — Well, how are you liking city

life? Is it quiet there? Is cousin Louis at home?
I think you mentioned his working somewhere lately.
Is Minnie the youngest daughter? and has she
any special friend likely to carry her off the way
her sisters have gone?

Mary has been reading over my letter and
says it sounds tired. I must not inflict any
... upon you. I have a cold and ... slept
... morning. So today I rose about 4.30
and now I ... With love from Mr. Everett,

Osawatomie Dec. 17/80

Dear Sister;

This is just a beautiful day, sunny and bright, you would enjoy a little walk on such a day as this though the air might seem a little fresh. Our apples have been under piles of hay in the orchard till this week. John has been having a box made 6 by 4 & two ft deep with tight cover, and we have been picking them over & putting them in the new bin. I helped ~~so~~ as to have them carefully assorted. We have 18 bushels, I think of good ones, though many are very small but will taste good in the spring. We made a partition in the middle & placed the good ones on one side but there are two gunny sacks, full more placed in the

other side where the poorer ones
are. It is a great comfort to have
them all so nicely housed & so
dry. Harvey has been making
a bridge over our branch between
here and the road. He brought
about 18 wagon loads of stone
from the pasture. with the
larger ones made a culvert
for the water to run through
then filled with stone on both
sides then several loads of soil.
It will be very nice. So we have
two new bridges between here &
town. Jennie has been having
quite a cold & says she does not
feel very efficient today, so
please excuse her from writing
this time. My health is quite
good now. & John's too. He can
see more light with his right
blind eye than he could two

months ago. Yesterday as he was making butter he closed his left eye & said he could see a large white spot & could define its dimensions very well. He's other eye (left) is growing more dim.

Please excuse a short letter this time I have been writing to Robbie & a little to Eddie. When have you heard from them?

Ever so much love dearest from your loved ones here.

Mary

In haste — I write. Lots of love Mary

Osawatomie Feb. 11/91

Dear Sister;

My pen is so poor that I can hardly write. Hope you can read this scrawl. This is a windy day, but sunny & bright. All well as usual, John & Robt preparing to go to town. Olive has just come in & as I asked her what I should say from her, she said, "Tell her that I love her", & she added "Tell her to love me too". She is a dear little thing. One evening as she was ~~going~~ to say her prayers & we were talking in the room, she turned to her mama & said, "Now look out", & dropped on her knees. Her mama says she always wants it to be very quiet when she is at her devotions. One day I asked her what her prayer wa

she said, "Now I lay me &c, & God bless papa & Mama, Auntie & Lewis & me, and make me a good girl;" I asked if she could not pray for me too. She did not think she could as she was such a little girl, then pursing her lips in a kind of coaxing way, she said, when I am a big girl I will, when I am big like Lewis, I will have a long prayer like Mama": but she has since added "bless the aunties," to her little prayer. Lewis has come in & on my asking what I should say from him, he said "Tell her that I should like to see her." He is not so demonstrative as Alice: we have just got some parchment to wrap our letter, I will send you a sample. It makes the parcels look so nicely.

Anthony, Kans. Feb 11/91

Dear sister;

You will be surprised to receive a letter from [illegible] with the [illegible]. E. came [illegible] on Wed. morning last, went with [illegible] to [illegible] the next day, started before daylight to [illegible] the 7 A.M. [illegible] & returning on the 7 P.M. that evening, both local freight & [illegible] rough traveling. Wednesday it [illegible] about 5 to 6 [illegible] & Thursday it drizzled as they started & then rained all day, making the trip a pretty hard one, John was very tired but was somewhat rested when we started last evening. The doctors, Tiffany & Freyer whom they consulted said it was simple cataract & [illegible] a favorable one for operation. Said [illegible] had successfully performed the operation on patients [illegible] years old. [illegible] he will go [illegible] [illegible] it will take

the farm on the first of March, & now that I have come away I think they will all come to Hattie. At least Jennie said John spoke of having the men do the same. He may take it himself. E. thought best to invite me & accompany him here. and it is already giving me a good [illegible]. We left home at [illegible] last evening, reached the depot at 11.20 & took sleeper 12.1 A.M. train reaching here soon after 10. am. We all thought it best for me to come away & see how Hattie's folks can get along with farming, so as to know it for certain as to how they may succeed, before I [illegible] it [illegible] & leave her here. She [illegible] is very sensibly about my coming here though. I [illegible] for me I have a [illegible] for [illegible] & [illegible] better stay here

Anthony, Kansas, Feb 27/11

Dear [illegible];

We had a letter from [illegible] last evening which I will enclose. It is quite a comfort to know that [illegible] is so comfortable and cheerful, I think that she is better off now with them than with me. as I am in need of [illegible] & they are strong, cheerful, and [illegible] to be able to get along with [illegible] think so much of Aunt [illegible]. Dear little [illegible] put her arms around Jennie before I came away & said "I will be good to Aunt Jennie [illegible] Mary is [illegible]. She is quite fond of making a great deal of me she [illegible]. I have just been writing to Kittie & Libbie & Al. I am having a very nice rest — 28th You see I do not rush things much, or this would have been finished yesterday. I am having some sewing done which has been waiting a long time. [illegible]

I commenced [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. Mary [illegible] who is [illegible]
[illegible], a [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the boys. I think it will
be very pretty. There is a large family, I
don't know just what the [illegible] will be
used for. [illegible] having Underwaists made
of [illegible] Material bought last summer. So
you see I [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible],
Did you receive the warm flannels [illegible]
by Robbie? I often have to [illegible] [illegible]
underclothing in the spring, about
this time, than during the winter.
Have [illegible] first bought some thin ones
to wear now, having worn none during
the winter. This is a beautiful day though
cold. So was yesterday, till about 3:30 P.M.
when there came up a strong wind
from the north, biting cold. We have
had three such sudden blusters since
I came a week today. More sudden
changes than they had during the winter.
There will be a good deal of windy
weather during the next month as is usual
in the spring. Wonder if we will have
a [illegible] from you today! Wonder whether

[illegible] cousin Mary's sliter [illegible] cousin [illegible]. Take good care of yourself [illegible] for the [illegible]. [illegible] that I can come & be with you [illegible] summer. have not matured my plans yet, have been resting & [illegible] so far. Has Elsie told you of the family here? 1st, Grandpa & Grandma Wilson, 78 & 74 years old, then Rector & [illegible] Wilson son & daughter, the former having a farm about [illegible] miles out & the latter being housekeeper & [illegible] caretaker for the family; then the [illegible] & George Lightbourn, grandchildren aged 22 & 13, the former teaching at [illegible] per month about [illegible] from here & George at school in town. Lastly, Willie [illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] whose home is in Missouri but who is spending the winter here, and drives for [illegible] to & from the school sleighing [illegible] the day. [illegible] is a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

full of life & interest. [illegible]
is continued [illegible] in the country. [illegible]
days she has been [illegible]
[illegible] wonder if she will [illegible]
[illegible] she bought [illegible]
season. This is her fourth [illegible]
Her mother & Fergie's was a sister to Mary
& Bentley, ~~of he~~ whose children [illegible]
four years ago. & Willie's mother is
another sister. So you see they have
the grandchildren here, as [illegible]
to, & the family seems much like
ours. They are good singers, but
have no musical instrument now.
It is very homelike here & I [illegible]
you a diagram of the house when
I come, so you can see where Edson
is. & have it [illegible] he is away.
When he is here, I share the [illegible] room.
I enjoyed going to S.S. School & church last
Sabbath & prayer meeting this evening.
The people are very friendly & [illegible] not
very [illegible] as the [illegible] of the
[illegible] pastor. E. [illegible]
with his [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible]

Last Sabbath, Rev. Mr. Foster, pastor of church at Freeport, 12 miles distant,
(receiving members &)
assisted at communion [illegible] & went to
Freeport last Sabbath, and requested
E's assistance at special meetings
at Freeport this week. E. was there
Tues. Wed. Thurs. & Fri. evenings. He has
10 A.M.
just come in on the train and goes
to Freeport this P.M. to be there tomorrow
morning, & preached here in the
morning. There have been about
a dozen additions to this church as
a result of the special meetings here.
Some
& others will probably come in. The
other churches have had their
share. I must close now with
a great deal of love to you & all
the cousins from both of us.

Mary J. S.

E. often ~~sometimes~~ walks from one place to
the other & sometimes takes the train. He is
thinking of getting a pony, as there are a
good many members in the country
he ought to visit. Since the cousins

I am glad he is a little better. I must write to cousin Jennie & Uncle. He is having a serious time & Jennie much care. She is very faithful to him.

Probably you have had the F. [illegible] which E. sent for me. We wish very [illegible] [illegible] you dearest. Let us know when [illegible]

Dear Emma

I know you will be glad to get a letter from Sabine. So I will try to write a few words. I find everything in nice order on My return. Miss Reed has been very careful. Marie has been in her good behavior all the time. She asks [illegible]. She is very sorry you are not here. Katie has of course been as good as she could be, they are all sorry not to have you at home. I tell them

[illegible] all. Mother is dear Mother? I little sister [illegible] I had a small [illegible] on the table [illegible] up stairs. What [illegible] P.S. [illegible] Miss [illegible] a [illegible]

that perhaps bye & bye you may return & that perhaps some of the rest will come down after a while.

I receive a great deal of sympathy and everyone seems anxious to relieve me & have me rest as much as possible. Katie washed Eddie's shirts to-day & said to me that while you were gone, she would see to any mending that he may need. "For" said she, "I know you haven't the time & he will often want a stitch." Miss Kass will remain with me for a while. Says she will make me some comfortables. Miss Bailey is busy with examinations. She expresses much sympathy as do all.

[illegible] of course patients. Mr. Fletch is still here, will remain another week I think. Our other gentlemen are as usual. Mrs Tindall's daughter has been dangerously ill with some throat difficulty — is now better. Mrs. T. returned yesterday P.M. is in bed today resting. She looks worn & has some cold.

I have taken the house at $1700. Feel some better after having that settled. I went with Addie to see Dr. Finch yesterday & ascertain whether he could return to the same place. Dr. F. received him very kindly. said they had

[illegible]

thought about him & talked about him wondering what kept him so long. Then he called Eddie to him & said "Well, my boy, how do you feel about it, would you like to go into the same class or go home & work up. Of course E. thought he would like to go to his own class, so he took him to see his teacher to learn when his lessons would be for today. Mr. F. told him the boys had been pushing ahead & he would have to put in, which he seems inclined to do. He learned the lessons for today, & he got along first rate. He has been shoveling snow & ice from the back piazza since school

Belton Feb. 18th

Dearest [illegible]

I have been meaning to write to you ever since we came from there we had a very pleasant and safe [illegible] reached Cairo & found there sister & brother waiting for us. Cairo has a very pleasant home & all the people feel at home there I enjoyed staying there [illegible] [illegible] we [illegible] on the Ohio [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible]

wanted to see John Eddie
Jeff & Ollie wanted [illegible]
to keep them this winter
—. to go to the Presbyterian
College, but we thought
it would be better for
him to help his father
he takes hold & helps
very handy and seems
to like it. We have a
nice school house. Charlie
expects to start tomorrow
morning. I have had
Ollie's girl helping me
the past week, we are
not settled yet, we have
one cow which gives a nice
mess of milk & a new barn
which was finished before
we came he expects to have
a house here most of the
time as we have [illegible] —

Saturday P. M. 2 o'clock

I have been [illegible] this morning steaming some velvet which I am going this afternoon to take to Jennie Pirnie to make me a bonnet & yesterday I ripped & pressed my broadcloth cloak & will also take that to Mrs. Jane Williams who has just returned from an extended visit west. I think by having it lined it will do for me this winter, the plush perhaps for the very coldest [illegible] of the winter. [illegible] best to get these done [illegible] as it [illegible] it does take time. [illegible] that [illegible] be anywhere. Think it a good plan to begin to pack and that will [illegible] some things away, & make it [illegible] to see through. I have had a very happy summer though to share. I'm quite well again. [illegible]

right. You would think so if you could see how much [illegible] opiates. I suppose Edward is in Chicago now & [illegible] hear some of the celebrities tomorrow. I cannot lay my hands now on [illegible] & will perhaps not [illegible] [illegible]. Think I will begin by packing [illegible] bedding, (which father [illegible] shall I bring) I think it would be a very [illegible] plan to invite John to spend the winter there. Have been thinking of it a good deal for some time. He could not sleep [illegible] the Burnham place so [illegible] the Crist house but we could eat him and give him a good deal of [illegible] in either case. Would it be well for me to bring two old bedsteads a pair of [illegible]. Have been thinking that [illegible] would like one, behind the door in [illegible] [illegible]. You ought

to have bedding soon it is getting so cold
Yesterday it felt like snow but we had
only a little fine rain. today is [illegible]
[illegible] cold. How is it there. Think to
pack the mirrors in with the bedding,
also bric a brac. What shall I bring
[illegible]. Do you want the melodeon?
Jane is quite well again. they are
nearly through getting in their [illegible]
though has a good many out yet. they
gathered theirs [illegible] week. Crop a
good deal lighter than last year, but
there were a great many. they sell a
great many. I asked [illegible] yesterday
if he would give me a little more m[illegible]
He said Yes as much as you like. So
I do not feel so nervous. Think we
had better leave it now though, so
long as you feel satisfied. We can
dispose of the wagons to much
better advantage in the spring, &
can come here much earlier than

this year. [illegible] can have the use of old Greeley [illegible]. She is keeping him this winter [illegible] a two year old colt; then if it is [illegible] she will not need three horses unless once in a while when she may want to go to [illegible]. Perhaps we will not be home long enough to [illegible] for [illegible]. Do you hear anything of Mr. [illegible] [illegible]. Must close with love to all. Your lovingly,

[illegible]

Henry [illegible] soon after [illegible]. He was pretty well, not strong, [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] him was using [illegible] was wishing for some [illegible] for that purpose. I sent him a letter from [illegible]. Did not stop at H. [illegible] wish I had

[illegible] 1861
[illegible]

Dear Little Sister;

I should just like to be at home with you this week and let the rest enjoy the meetings. How are you feeling sister dear, this bright beautiful morning? It does not seem as though the [illegible] was ever going to be thought of. While the fire [illegible] will not have till after Friday. How warm it is! I learned Sunday that

Father was in Utica
and that he was
looking quite fresh.
Hope he can enjoy the
meetings.
Our preliminary course
commenced yesterday,
the regular course will
commence in five weeks
Nov. 2. So if I do go home
it must be before long.
I want to see you all &c
ever so much, and still hardly
know how to leave, but
probably it will be best
on the whole, what think
you? I am just stocking
now for the college to
attend a lecture, don't
know how full a course
this will be.
This warm weather

writes me a little but I
cannot last long. I was
weighed yesterday, 111 lbs.
Am very well for me.
I do so want to see
you Jennie to judge for
myself of your sickness
but I think you must
be gaining if you could
not go to church. Are
you able to play on
the melodeon?
Henry Sweezey preaches
the Sabbath twice. He was
disappointed yesterday, as
his friends did not come
as they said they would
the evening. I saw him
about the school at Aff[illegible]
He is now [illegible] of
Mr. Thomas'. He [illegible]
on some [illegible]

then I don't know what
I saw him but a moment.
Maggie Thomas was
feeling a little better
yesterday. She is quite
feeble. How is Jennie
Thomas? Have you seen
her. Good bye I must
close or nine o'clock
will be here before I
reach the college. Give
my love to all the
friends. especially
Lloyd and Trenton
ones.

Your loving
Sister Mary.

[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] you must
have the first letter, [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
have the largest share of [illegible]
thoughts [illegible]
[illegible] today [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] tell [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] found them [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

night had no rest on
account of my baby, Yesterday
afternoon she was taken sick
again I think she is cutting
teeth she is not sick
much but was quite so
in the night. All is quiet
and so quiet today she
is now asleep she is cutting
teeth with a little cold in
head. [illegible] and I [illegible]
and indeed all of them are
glad to come. Frank Isabel
[illegible] [illegible]. Tom Emma
think [illegible] come down
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and
[illegible] I believe [illegible] [illegible]
calculation [illegible] [illegible].
I know they would be
very glad to [illegible]

Anthony, Kans, Apr 5/95

Dearest Sister:

I hope you received the letter I wrote you a little over a week ago. as I had been so long without writing, it was too cruel. Your two cards of Mar. 23d & 25th are our last from you. I wrote you a card about three days ago to wait for this. You spoke of having had a hard cold. Was it the Grippe? Are you over it yet? I have been feeling quite under the weather since a week today, but am much better & have quite a good appetite now for two days. It was poor for several days with a metallic taste in my mouth; I suppose

It was really a touch of La Grippe of which I have seen but little. I went to Harper on Thursday March 26th to visit the good friends there. Had intended to go early in the week, but we had heavy rains & my visit was delayed. I was invited to visit a family of one of one of the Elders where we took dinner one Sabbath wh[illegible] up with E. On reaching there I found Mrs. Moffett sick with the Grippe. I soon put her on Arsen. Had taken my med. box lest E. might be in need. Mrs. M. felt some better pretty soon but she remained in bed for two days. Began to get up a little on Sunday. Friday P. M. a married daughter, who is supplying [illegible] in the High school began to feel the symptoms but she kept around all day Saturday & did not go to bed at all. Stayed at

home from school Monday & Tuesday
went ~~Tues.~~ Wed. morning & I came about
ten A.M. They felt very much
gratified with the action of Hom.
remedies. as Mrs. Wright their
former pastor's wife had been
there a week, sick with the
same disease, & was then sick
at the house of Mr. Patterson
another Elder. She left for home
on Monday, though not nearly well.
My remedies at first were
Arsen. & Bry, then Nux which
seemed to have a good effect
on the appetite & left them on
that. & have been taking the
same myself ever since (Nux)
When I came down from
there I intended to start for
Alps on Friday, but did not
really feel well enough & did not
want to go there sick. I wrote
to them yesterday. Mrs. Moffatt

gave me $8. when I came away. She thought it very ~~little~~ little but had no more in hand just then. I did not make any charge, but they are well to do people and were very much pleased with the result. They think that Harper would be a good place for me to locate in What think you? I have also received $2. here and will have more allowed on my sewing.

I send you a few spring flowers. which Geo. brought in ~~a couple~~ three of days ago, the first. I put them in press at once & sent a few fresh to Fannie as I was sending her medicine that day. The tiny blue ones were picked today. Geo. says they call them "Johnny jump ups." Wee ones are they, not? Good night, dearest.

Osawatomie, May 16, 1895

My Brave little Sister

It does me so much good to know that you are standing it so bravely. May God bless you dear and give you fair strength for many a year to come. We will have Eddie ask the Drs. how it will do for you to come in Aug. or Sept. I think that Dr. Kirkpatric said that would be a favorable time, as well as the spring. Jennie is sleeping quietly now as I write. She had a restless night & I was up with her a good deal, but now she sleeps like a baby. She went to sleep as I was giving her a sponge bath this morning. You ask if she worries as she used to. No, she pays but little attention to passing events, but wearies this & that, like a sick child. For

will try & write to her as soon as I can. Had a sweet letter from Clara the other day. Have not yet replied. All well here except Jennie.

& all join in love to you & cousins. Jennie just asked what I should say to Anna & she said "Tell her that my throat hurts." Her throat seems to pain her a good deal. She likes to have me bathe it with alcohol. She has had a good sleep. Now dear Good bye. Write as often as [illegible]. This from Jennie & Mary your sisters.

nourishment we give her beef or chicken tea, orange juice, sweet & buttermilk. I cannot say that she has gained any since I last wrote; has had four, I think, mushy stools after enemas (Glycerine & water) but bowels are still hard & swollen. Dr. Hayes was up to see her day before yesterday. He says it is impossible to tell what course her disease may take. This form of paralysis is progressive & there may be a stay of proceedings & if we should succeed in overcoming this condition of the bowels, she may get so as to be comfortable for perhaps a few months. Same as she has been, but again there may be a step forward & the end might come soon. She does not talk very plain & I do not think, neither does he, that it is due to a dry tongue. but rather to the

progress of the disease. She has thought much of the time that she would not recover, but does not seem to be troubled by the thought. Does not converse much indeed none hardly. Last night she wanted this & that, & more than once said "O you are so good." I have no fears about the future for her, What a happy meeting there will be bye & bye! I was very sorry to ~~hear~~ of cousin Jennie's illness. Hope she may not have much of a run of fever. If I can, I will write to her. My love & sympathy if I fail to write. I have not written to Hattie or Johnny or to Hillsdale for a long time. Wonder if any one has told them that Jennie is sick. The last I had from Hattie was an invitation to visit them on my way East. ~~[illegible] was sick~~ that day

I expect to have my new grey princess dress this W. M. with a shoulder cape for a wrap. Wonder if a bonnet like it would become me? I send Jim a letter. Summer [illegible] [illegible] me up on new dry goods store. It is quite a city for stores & looks fine. I tell you the latest is [illegible].

& they feared an attack of the grippe
Their address is ~~Ypsilanti~~,
Ypsilanti. Mich. I had looked
up the route & had planned to give
them a call if possible, also at
Hillsdale. If I go straight through at
any time I can leave Osawatomie
at 3 P. M. Say on Monday, be in
Chicago ~~at~~ Tuesday at 8³⁰ A. M.
& reach Wheaton Wednesday noon.
or I could stop at Hillsdale, &
be there Tuesday about noon or
2 P. M. I have not my time tables
before me now. Ypsilanti is on
~~the~~ "Ypsilanti" branch of the Mich. Southern"
about 60 miles from Hillsdale.
From there I suppose I should have
to go to Detroit I think. If you
want to look it up, get for you the
have some one
"Santa Fe", & "Lake shore & Southern
Mich." tables. Our children go to school
every day & Lewis wishes there would
never be Saturday vacations; They both enjoy
their school. Must close now & write
to P. Ec. & Edward. Love to cousin Mary

Osawatomie May 20 /11

Dear Sister;

Yours with private note rec'd on Sat. Jennie has not been able to have the letter read to her. I read J. E.'s card which came the same time & she listened, but I could not get her attention any longer. It seems that she fails every day. I have succeeded in getting several good evacuations with enema's. but her throat troubles her & she fails in every way. that is in strength. The trouble in her throat is paralytic I think. She still sleeps most of the time which is a great comfort. As it

looks now, it will not be
very long before I will
come home. & perhaps you
will feel better not to come
just now. at least till we
see some decided change.
We are doing all we can
for her, & she does not suffer
much. So let us be thankful
dearest, & feel that she is
in the Lord's hands. the dear
Lord, whose name she called
several times yesterday.
The rest of us are all well
and send lots of love to
our "all alone" one. You
are in our thoughts all the
time. This is a windy day.
We had quite a rain Sunday
& the mud has not yet dried
We picked our first green
gooseberries yesterday & had

gooseberry pie for supper. The children are in school. They feed the calves every morning & night. Wonder how cousin Jennie is, I ought to write to her, & will if I can. Am writing to Eddie & Edward. by to every time they go to town.

Once yesterday I gave Jennie a drink of water & she said "Thank the Lord." & again she said several times "Trust the Lord!" She does not seem to notice very much today, calls for water once in awhile, sleeps mostly. Smiles at us now & then. Seems to rest easily ~~today~~, without suffering.

Much love to all the cousins & other friends from all.

Your sister Mary

Have just discovered a swelling under the left lower jaw a little in front of ear. This may make it difficult to swallow.

Home Aug 2, 1883

Dear Sister Anna:

I think I must have a little chat with you this afternoon. The what I want to say accumulates so fast that it seems hard to wait any longer. So [illegible] what I [illegible] to do first stand aside in a little. I do not know as this pen is hardly as good as the other but will try it for awhile.

Cousin M. M. came Monday and has slept here since. I have slept at Jane's till Sunday night when I slept with Ella [illegible]; we both went to the Baptist church in the morning

[illegible] cooked over the books in the study putting that small Eddie's name on the side. Who is the owner of Thackeray's works. There is no name in it. [illegible] Glad you like the new speeches. Did you [illegible] of Mr. Rodd at [illegible] Give my love to the good friends. I am glad you are getting acquainted. Are you gaining in strength? I have not been lonely at all. Have enjoyed it. The sun shines brightly today. We sleep in large room up stairs. Many an [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dusted the shelves.

to hear the new minister, Mr. [illegible]

He preached in English & Ellen said that all their services are in English. Ellen showed me a letter from Richard's cousin ~~brother~~ in Wales. The Cuthing's [illegible] live near him. Mr. C. followed his family and they report all doing well, and wish to be remembered to all frie[illegible]

I went to see Mrs. Prichard Mon[illegible] morning, as I learned that it [illegible] was the last time to call on her, and I did not know when I might [illegible] down again in the morning. She is very feeble, was glad to see me and inquired for Anna. Could talk but very little, said it tired her to talk, or to hear much talking. Her stomach troubles her a great deal. The Dr. said that

morning that she was failing rapidly
and that he could do nothing for her.
So Tillie said. They have a lovely baby.
He looks like George. Tillie said they
were expecting a nurse in a few
days. She was [illegible] busy between
baby & Grandma. Laura came to
visit us yesterday P.M. & took tea.
She brought some lovely green
peas, which May Evans said she
might pick from their garden, while
she & her father were at Lydias
helping in the hay. The peas were
so nice. We had plenty for supper,
our dinner today, and enough
left for another meal. Such a
feast. I expected Laura to stay
over night but she thought

can patch it up if I can find the trowels which I think we used to have in the shed chamber. How is it
Eloise, are there not some here somewhere? Ellen Davies gets $15. for her little farm of 13 acres payments monthly. A man & wife with a boy 14 years old who works in the cheese factory, the boy. The father, Geo. Baker, works on the railroad as laborer, and has done so for ten years. So she thinks there is a chance of permanency, though they are plain working people. She reserves one room up stairs where she has a bed & other things. She has in Mrs. Jones house, up stairs, a sitting room with small pantry, one bedroom with clothespress & a spare hall room at head of stairs where she sets her table in summer.

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wheel. I found that one of the spokes was split lengthwise and it looked like a fresh split. I think it must have been done while pushing it out. Mr. Hughes came up as I was opening the door & finding that I wanted the wagon out, he pulled out the buckboard & then the wagon which was in the N. W. corner. He had to pull it back & cramp it several times to make it clear the large box, & I think that probably the spoke hit the box the first time before he was on his guard. I wound some fine wire around it & told Frank about it before the funeral. He seemed greatly surprised & said he did not see how it could have been done as the wagon had not been out. I think I can glue it & wind with the fine wire. What do you think? I have not found a customer. Mary thought that probably

whether he would buy it. he said he was afraid he could not buy it this summer, that they would have to do without it. If they bought it they would have to get a horse and a new double harness. They would like it if they could see their way clear.
I have not washed the buggy yet. The cloth of lining, the curtain at the back is torn some but Mary & I think it was so two years ago. also some holes in corner of cushion on back of seat which we think were there when we left. There are chunks & dust on the door & in head and debris on the floor, which a little sweeping will make all right. To cousin Robert with

as Mary says

his notions of gentleman farming in the old country, where everything is kept up in the best style, it looked badly of course, and then in the sitting room with the carpet turned back by the kitchen door, and the paper hanging in that corner as it does when not watched, & the plastering down near the other door with paper torn dirty it did look forlorn. Ellen Davies says that John Jones (Bugg Inn) has a new preparation that he sells in bags (dry) which she got to repair the plastering in her house. It is something like plaster of Paris. I think it

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with privilege of washing down stairs, all for $1.50 pr month, her own furniture of course. It seems to me that she is doing well. Two front windows and two back overlooking the creek. The Mrs. Powel who was killed by railroad was Annie Parry's sister, Annie came home Monday morning expects to stay two weeks and then take the family home with h[illegible] Has given up going to World's Fair I think. Cousin Mary & I are putting things to rights as fast as we can. Have been airing things from your bureau today. Yesterday we looked over the two carpets that were rolled up The [illegible] one had two carpet moths on the paper (dead) but none on the carpet. We intend to roll up again in [illegible], perhaps today. The other red one had in one place the remains of a few moths & there it was a

little cabin, but it might have been so when we left it. We think it has kept remarkably well. It is now on the [illegible] I [illegible] the wolf robe was somewhat milky on the edges. The paper was broken, think it can be made a little smaller at that the middle instead most of it is good.

Cousin Mary & I think of going to Bethel Sat. P.M. as Lizzie & May are to be baptized that evening, and they with several others, May thinks 13, in all, are to be received on Sunday.

Laura thinks of going to see the Surrogate soon about Caroline's will and I may have to go to testify to my signature as witness. Hope there can be no [illegible] about Eddie's signature as it was with Mrs. [illegible]'s will.

would sleep better in her own bed
she is picking up a little. I walked
down with her, but got no letter. You
are very good to write but I cannot
expect a letter every day. I went to
the Depot to see the Freight Agt. this
morning. He said the freight rates from
here to Utica for furniture, boxes &c
were 60 cts per hundred. A carriage
would be higher. It belongs to a
different class. It would have
to be taken to pieces & crated. He
promised to write to Utica and
inquire as to the rates from there
and thought he would know in
three or four days. Things in the
horse barn do not seem to be injured
by standing, as I can see. I washed the
light wagon to lend for Caroline's funeral
It had been put away without washing.
It did not [illegible] any worse, except that
as I was washing the ~~back~~ right hind

Home Sept 29.

Dear Sister

Yours of Sept 26, recd this A.M. in company with one from Edward saying that he was starting to the World's Fair, that is to Kansas City on the 26th, one day there, buying goods, then on to Chicago to remain till Oct 2nd. Robbie would go with him. All well. Carroll have the furnace well repaired for winter & money spent. Letter from [illegible] last evening (I staid at S.D. 5's last night.) Holden says, "Bring the Stove by all means unless you have an exceptionally good offer to sell it. but have it well crated and secure the nickel. Think I will enclose her letter, it is so spicy. Now for your letter. In the first place, Yours to cousin Mary reached there before I left, and mine I think the

Morning after I returned

Stayed with Jane that night, so
see I have been dissipating a good deal
and still more as you will see. On
coming up in the morning I went to
Jane's as I had done an errand for
her. She made me stay to early
dinner, then as I was so near to
Mr. H's went there to see about
your letter and to read the
contract. He had the letter he
said, at church the Sunday before,
but I was not there. He did not
know the name of the church
to which to commend you. So
he filled that blank then.
Mr. H. read the contract and
the clause was just as I had
thought. It also says that all the
hay and grain raised on the place
shall be fed on the place. I
asked if that meant Summer [illegible]
He said it did all the time. but
the feeding of hay in the Summer
so was of very little consequence one
way or the other. I John T. [illegible] took me
to [illegible]. Had a nice visit at Mr. [illegible]
then returned to Jane's & from there took

as nearly as possible, a bee line to J. T. Jones. as I wanted to make [illegible] about Charlie Pritchard's farm of 75 acres which he has just sold for $3400. Learned that there is some good land near the road, but much poor land back. Small house. fixed over, one barn, orchard of common fruit mostly. Had a delightful visit, staid all night, and in the morning went to see Mrs. Parry. She is still living alone, is pretty well, expects to spend the winter with friends in different places & think will first go to Ellie's. She lives near and lives comfortably. Has a kind husband. Mrs. Parry's farm is 32 acres. She rents her meadow land to a neighbor who can do what he likes with the hay, but leaves the aftermath to enrich the soil. $70. for that, she does not know how many acres. Her brother takes the pasture for $16. All taxes paid by tenant. 1/2 acre more or less to be plowed each year, she to supply plaster for it which is not much. She reserves the large [illegible] & garden. lets her tenant have hay from [illegible] cutting; she to have, [illegible], 200 lbs each year. I think she keeps her barn, also her house of course. Fences to be kept

[illegible] of the nest quality [illegible] fashions [illegible] for press & style - those must [illegible]

and factory made [illegible] of a wagon [illegible] of this time of the year [illegible]

up by tenants; she to supply the material.
apple trees near the house she keeps a
few common fruit) The tenants say
I think she is nicely fixed, and they
are [illegible] in [illegible]. She said that
Hugh was there one day & told her what
he paid. She told him that it was
not enough. So people in general
think. Mrs. P. said that she heard
that we had had $1000. offered & wanted $1200. & laughed and said they had [illegible] to take it.
She said she wondered & thought
it could not be. "That beautiful
place, such good land, that will keep six cows & a horse, & so near
the village, and the orchard
with the grafted trees & the
nice large house, & everything
so handy." She said that two
years ago [illegible] sold a little place
that they used to have, near Mr. [illegible]'s
[illegible] keep but four cows & a horse,
[illegible] little fruit (common) very small
house which needed $100. worth of [illegible]
repairs. He asked $2000. but took $1600.
"So far from the village" she said &
will keep but [illegible]s", with a poor small house
& one barn. She said that land was no
[illegible] now than then, if as low. You see
I am getting [illegible], [illegible] think more & more that
it is just as well not to be in a [illegible]. Jere
Francis asked [illegible] the other day "what in thunder we
[illegible] to [illegible] more for [illegible]. Girls are withdrawing
their western [illegible] & [illegible] and Wm. & the [illegible]

When we got the mail last Saturday, I glanced the letters over, and said to John. "There is one from Cousin Mary, and one from Cousin Jennie, but none from Anna this time," and my heart sank as I feared that your smartness had not held out. The postmark on Cousin Jennie's was indistinct & I did not notice what it was. What was my delight when Jennie exclaimed. "Why here is one from cousin Jennie! and we are owing her a letter! Why, she is with Anna"! and sure enough, there was your letter too. How thankful we are to the cousins, all of them for their kind thoughtfulness and care for you. They seem to time it so that you are not left alone very long at a time.

Now dear, one I must say Good bye once more, Good bye till next time! which will soon come around. Have Cousin Charlie's folks been there again? I thought they were going to spend Sunday with you every week; you may be able to go down some Sat. noon and get a peek at them. Please give our love. Enclosed a letter from Edward which came on Sat. Is John Butler preaching at Sharpe? We only know that he is there. Now accept bushels of love from us all, your sister Mary

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In the box is a pair of boots
(with Kansas mud on) which Eddie
bought when he was out before.
One was burnt when he had
~~been here~~ worn it but a few ~~days~~ times. He took
it down to the shoe makers
who said it would not pay to
have it repaired, but Jennie
thought that Wm. Thomas
might think more favorably of
it. Forgive us for not cleaning
before starting. - It is quite
cloudy today, just the right
kind of a day for me to work in
the garden, - but I suppose John
will be going to the Asylum
this P.M. with butter & I must
pump in with my eyes. We
have two hens that stole their
nests & have come off each
with about a dozen chickens.
Have had poor luck so far with
those that we have set. Did we
tell you that Jennie has four
little turkeys, three black & ~~mostly~~
one light. They are doing well.
~~Are~~ your apple trees thinking of

blooming yet?? Everything comes so fast there when vegetation does get started. I am glad your flower seeds are coming. I have not put ours down! The chickens do run over every thing so. We must have a fence. We have a nice piece of lawn in which the young trees are set, & we might set out some roses I suppose there as well as the trees. Mrs. Reynolds says it is not too late yet. We are saving rose leaves for a pillow a la Farm & Fireside or Home Companion I don't remember which. We have them in a shoe box which is perhaps 1/4 or 1/6 full. [illegible] roses will soon be in bloom. These are all from the neighbors. They do smell so sweetly. I send a few flowers gathered yesterday. Thank you very much for the presents sent by ~~Eddie~~ Eddie

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How nice it is to have the room up stairs & the so. dining room fitted up so nicely. How does the sitting room carpet hold out? We often think of you in the different rooms. You are getting to be very smart going to church & to the stores. What will you not do next? Cousin Mary wrote that she enjoyed every minute of her visit with you, also that Step was better and Clarence as well as usual. They do not go to the Island till August I think, as C's mother was not well and wished to go early. John's butter custom is increasing He had 40 lbs on Tuesday last, and the same on Sat. He could then have sold 10 lbs more if he had had it. Says he will have to wean off some of the calves & put them on skim milk. He still gets 15 for single lbs. & 25 for two. At Chestnuts Store they give but 7 and say they have lots of it.

So you see we pic-nic three times a day. We need rain now to fill out the corn & make it ear. Since those heavy rains it has been dry and the ground is baked. There were thunder showers last evening on the south, east, and north, but none here. There are clouds around today, and we hope for our turn. as the potatoes and the corn are crying for drink. The air is cooler some today. It has been as high, I think, as 95°. Very pleasant today. John has sold three fat cows the past week to the butcher for $3.25 per cwt. live weight, also two calves for veal, about 5 weeks old at $3. & 3.50 There is a good market now for all kinds of farm produce. & the town is increasing still. buildings going up all the time. I just wish I could see you, and verify cousin Jennie's and cousin Mary's testimony as to how well you are looking & acting.

Prices will soon be higher, John says. Did we tell you some time ago that we had a large stone for a step to our stoop & the latter raised to about a level with the floor. We set our table for almost every meal on the stone step which is plenty long enough for one of the boys to sit at each end & I have my chair, back to the door, on the wooden stoop. It is a little too draughty for Jennie and John does not usually sit down with us. The shade of these noble walnuts is sufficient even for midday, though I usually wear my sunbonnet. Sometimes the sun when low in the afternoon, peeps below the branches & then we set the table as at other times & one of the boys when they come helps us to move it to the ~~west~~ East side of the house between the new house & milkroom

My darling little Sister:

That precious package of letters came to my hands this morning. You must have thought me somewhat ungratefully [illegible]. It did not [illegible] to [illegible] your kindness [illegible].

I am glad that you like the [illegible] it is said to be good for rheumatism, so keep with your [illegible] you well. I have been taking [illegible] lately and it has done me good.

My health is improving nicely now. I have made up my mind not to fret any more even though the world should turn the wrong way over in a while. I was over to Mrs.

slightly and came down on his
foot. It is a [illegible] wonder that
his foot was not crushed
but it seems to have been
[illegible] the [illegible] was [illegible]
pile [illegible], but he is getting
along very nicely. He is able
to walk [illegible] with it
with an [illegible] shoe.
You see he is my patient (and
his mother's) and it is a pleasant
day he [illegible] [illegible] for me.
[illegible] be [illegible] happy
when I am in full tide of
practice, if that time ever
comes, [illegible] something [illegible]
will turn up.
[illegible] told me today to
make myself contented [illegible]
till I could find a better place,
so I'm not going to fret.
I [illegible] home with Mrs.
Kullberg [illegible]. [illegible]
nice time indeed. She has
three sons 21, 15 and 13 at
home. The oldest is going to

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]) — [illegible]
[illegible] very anxious to know [illegible]
the flowers and oysters carried
whether [illegible] [illegible] plant [illegible] still
alive and did the oysters keep
fresh; Mr. H. began [illegible] [illegible]
a message for Fannie [illegible] [illegible]
him I should not send it.
he must write himself [illegible]
letter was written to him [illegible]
he must answer it. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
He said the letter was [illegible]
for Mrs. Jones, but I told him
it was written to him.
David had quite a serious ac-
cident a little more than a
week since, or perhaps I should
say a very narrow escape. He
was directing some men who
were hauling up a large box of
goods weighing 1800 lbs. Through
some carelessness it fell and
he had just time to get out of
the way sufficiently to have it
strike the back of his head

home soon I think. They all are interesting boys and very anxious to have me come there. I should find it pleasant I know in many respects but it is pretty far. I understand that cousin Lizzie is expected home soon. I know she would like my company if she will come home. Did you know that Ellis Howell and Kate have been living in Brooklyn for the past three months? They have a nice happy boy 4 between 2 days they all doing nicely.
I will send some more medicine for Father. Can you not get something [illegible] for you taking anything more from Dr. Smith? Please remember me to him if you write. also lots of thanks to Mr. Evans and family. Give love to all the good folks at home and around home and keep a [illegible] share yourself from your [illegible] Mary.

Address me at No. 4th St. Camden N.J. Shall remain till Thurs. or Fri. P.M. I think.

Sabbath eve. Have had a very happy day, peacefully quiet. We had our communion this P.M. & 8 were received by letter, the letter which dear father wrote nearly 3 years since. 14 were rec'd by letter & 33 by profession last communion 3 mths. since. More than 40 joined by profession & nearly 20 by letter. The church is in a very hopeful state. Our pastor looks exhausted, as if he needed rest. He preached a beautiful sermon this morning from the text, "He that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself even as He is pure."

Subject, the hope in [illegible] of Christ [illegible] [illegible] well [illegible] changed [illegible]

[illegible] came all safe. I had
just been sent by mail
to [illegible] Thursday.
Much [illegible]
this letter. Shall be very glad to
get the rest. Am glad
you have the catechism
& [illegible] preparing class. You
must be back [illegible]
Hope Lissie is all right
again. Our ~~[illegible]~~ friends,
the Homœopathicians of N.Y.
gave a grand excursion
in honor of our foreign
guests. Sailed nearly
around the city & then
up the Hudson nearly
to Newburgh. 21 miles.
Dinner & your little Sis.
enjoyed it exceedingly —
Am going [illegible]
to Phila to attend the
World's Hom. Convention
[illegible] I must write
you from the Centennial.

[illegible cross-written lines]

comment [illegible] fruit & fish of
all kinds, cane syrup
[illegible] dried nuts [illegible]
pickets going & coming
while [illegible] crackers
potatoes apples bread
in fact nearly anything
[illegible] the building [illegible]
[illegible]
only wider & deeper, I
hope we shall make some
[illegible] Edward may [illegible]
a little independent. I
think he will feel differ-
although he does not
complain. Those wraps
& lunch we just enjoyed
as we would have suffered
the first day we saw how
many at the [illegible]

rides occasionally, Edward
has gained 6 lbs since he
came here I think Robbie
would do well to come
out here and raise stock
and I think Lillie would
like it here, I took Griff
horse & carriage & went
for a ride in the country
I did not see but the
farms looked good as
nice as they did in
Iowa &c. Getting to
seem more home here
long enough to feel
at home and feel
a little homesick occa-
sionally, Edward seems
to like it in the store
& is quite [illegible] [illegible]
they keep clothing dress
goods groceries [illegible]

327 E. 12 St. [illegible]

Dear Sister Irma,

As you and I failed to get to the wedding I think it is more than right that I should write to you the first letter after the ceremony even if it is [illegible] one just received from Jennie's sis.

You will see by the date of this that I have changed my residence. I am delightfully situated on the second floor half a block from the college. The lady with whom I am staying is very pleasant and motherly. Mrs. Gregor a widow lady with two

gentleman boarders who have
been in her family for several
years. I feel so happy in view of
the coming winter: am so comfortably
seated and the prospects of the
college are so bright. I do not think
we will have more than a week's
vacation if we have that. The
professors who are giving us the
preliminary course have so much
to say which they cannot well
bring in during the regular term
and they and the students are so
enthusiastic that we don't know
how to have them stop. I am
feeling quite well again, better since
coming here; have such a good warm
breakfast every morning. That sets
me right for the day. — I am glad
to get Cynthia's favorable report in regard
to your general improvement. Of
course you are not strong yet; but

you certainly are better than you
have been and that is encouraging
I feel quite sure that if [illegible]
something to help you I found
that [illegible] could [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] you and
[illegible] the
when [illegible] they get to homesick
I am so glad that Father can't
find [illegible] the [illegible]
heart is best right!!! How did that
medicine for your cold? I will send
you some more. You can [illegible] a
powder [illegible] these that
have colds can take a teaspoonful
[illegible] and then. It is splendid
weather for colds now. [illegible]
[illegible] you know!!!
Eddie wrote me a few lines for
[illegible] and Katty.
I think I will take the [illegible]

I fear I have [illegible]
will get [illegible]
[illegible] Mon. as we have
no [illegible] till 11 that day. I
should like to see Rev. Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] and will write again
after seeing him.

Tell [illegible] not to be dis-
couraged about [illegible],
for I am not. I will send
her another [illegible]
to be sure and [illegible].

I will send Sarah [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ with.

I have got me a new wash
[illegible] dress. [illegible] and
[illegible], it cost me [illegible] $1.9, with
help in making &c. It will make
me very comfortable for the [illegible]
The dress is made loose [illegible]
with belt [illegible] like the
[illegible] dress pattern that [illegible]
[illegible] cousin Mary last before
[illegible] home. How are the little
[illegible]

March 22, 1855.
Mother's room Thurs. eve.

My precious Sister:

It is most seven, you are, I suppose, nearing Saratoga, and my heart is with you. We've just had supper, bread and butter, cake, biscuit and applesauce; and I came in here just in time to witness the rich glowing sunset. Did you see it? Grand was it not? I wanted to run and call you and Sarah to come and enjoy it with me. Ella soon came in and helped me admire its beauties. The gold, and rich rose color so smoothly and beautifully blended with the sober gray above. What work of art can compare with a scene so lovely, the handiwork of the Creator?

How are you feeling my dear, and how is Sarah? Not completely faded out I hope.

It is now near eight, the girls, Mary and Anna have been hindering me, talking and laughing so that I had to stop and try to collect my thoughts. What letter could grow amid such confusion? I suppose you are there by this time, perhaps at the depot, perhaps on the way, or nicely seated in the snug little parlor. You have not attempted to walk up I hope, for Sarah at least, and you too, I am sure, must be very tired. How is our Dr. and how are Mrs. String, Fany, Orlie, Miss Tucker, our sister Mary, and all? Did you go to the bookstore in Utica. I forgot to give you the money in our hurry. How did you succeed about your shoes. Mother wants you to get two pair, one for walking and one to wear in the house. If you want a thinner pair for summer, you can get them again. Be sure now and be well supplied with shoes. If you want more money, let us know.

You had better mend those gloves you have and purchase another pair, when you and Sarah

are well enough to go to the store.

And now do you want to know what I have been doing since you went away? I haven't been sick as you feared. Almost as soon as you started, I went up stairs to rest and stayed there most of the time till four o'clock; coming down to dinner however. After four I exercised, played with Ella &c. and commenced a letter to sister Elizabeth till supper time, and after supper I made a whole pair of drawers and this morning made another before dinner, and marked them with my own name, and finished my letter to Elizabeth. Don't you think I have been pretty smart? I've been resting this afternoon.— Last evening Anna made two collars, and is making another tonight.— Let us know soon how you are. O, my dear sisters I do hope you will soon be well. I must leave a little room for Anna. I sent E. a circular thinking that perhaps she might hear of some suffering sister to whom its contents would be most cheering. I told her too that I thought a short stay at Saratoga would be very beneficial to [illegible] and brother Butler. Good bye with love and two sweet kisses [illegible]

O, I forgot to tell you that I go finish at six o'clock today! I thought I might as well mention it, for fear I might be so unseen – appear in a great while. You need not tell any of the folks there of it, lest they should think that I am not very smart

My dear Sarah:—

Mary has left so much room for me, and I will try to occupy at least a part of it, if not all. Eddie reached home about two o'clock, He was some cold but with the aid of the fire, and some of Mother's warm browess, he was soon warmed. We learned from him that you did not start from Utica until today. Hope your journey did not make you sick. And how did Sis stand it?— We have had no singing here today, only a little humming. How could we when all the best singers were gone? Cousin Mary has been drawing this afternoon, I guess she will be able to finish her piece tomorrow afternoon. Yesterday we had jonny=cake for supper, and would you believe it, we had enough left for breakfast this morning. I suppose you know the reason. I believe Mary has told you that I have been making collars, but never mind, I can tell you again, I made two little plain collars last night, and tonight have been cutting out one from that one of cousin Mary's that she wore to the village the other day. We hope to hear soon by Lewis how you are, and we should be happy to have you write when you are able.—Ama

Dear Lissie;

Your letter pleased me very much; it is prettily written, and well spelled & believe with one exception. What does adean mean? You are improving my dear, both in composition and penmanship.

I want to see you very much, and do not know but I shall have to pay you a visit before you come home. I want to know just exactly how you are. If I could have one hour's talk with you, such as we used to have sometimes it would afford me great satisfaction and pleasure. Are you really enjoying yourself well there? Mr. Wood said you were pretty sober — Are you glad that you went? did I do right in

Lissie; — I guess you had better take No. 1, and if you do not have the prettiest, you will have the honor of having the one that I had the most trouble with. You will need to get 1½ yds. of ribbon to go around the crown and some narrow ribbon to hold it down when the wind blows.

If you get the widest, the same width as this, [illegible] you will need to double it a little to go around the crown as this is a little shallower than the other. [illegible] full of love from Mary.

sending you there? Do you think your health is decidedly improving? Does your heart trouble you as formerly? Does Dr. think the palpitation arises from the same cause as your other difficulties? How is your stomach? — What a host of questions, you will perhaps say, well, there is not one to which I do not wish I had the answer. — I expect you will have a nice visit with Jennie & Anna. They left us yesterday intending to be with you tomorrow. Do not visit too hard, but enjoy it as much as you can. Jennie has been quite poorly this vacation, we hoped the trip would do her good, and I know Sarah will be delighted with a visit from Anna. My head is much better than when I last wrote and as Sarah would say, I must mark the hours that shine. I try to, and feel happy today. The house is very still only nine at home today.

Good bye, much love from Mary.

[illegible], Oct. 16 1855.

Cynthia!

This noon I was agreeably surprised by the reception of another from my little sister — or rather my youngest sister, for I suppose you hardly consider yourself little. On looking over the first sentence, I find I did not say another what, but you, who wrote it, can easily guess.

You cannot tell how much pleasure I derive from these kind messengers from your sisterly hand. My letters, I fear will not repay you for all yours because you are not in a place to appreciate them. At home, in the midst of loved ones, is no place to know the full value of letters. Did I not feel full confidence in your love, I should fear you would tire of writing so often. This time I suppose our letters had scarcely time to greet each other as they passed each on its journey of love. They were written the same day; wonder if you are not now writing!

I was just glad to hear that [illegible] was able to write a letter, but I could not help wishing I was the happy one destined to receive it. I know it was a selfish wish, but I may be [illegible] in indulging it.

Time has been quite a long day with me. I am very much pleased with my assistant, Miss Smith, and my school duties are much less than they were. Perhaps you would like to know how my time is occupied. — In the first place [illegible] called upon to [illegible]. I received a call from the mother of one of my pupils. The winter is over now and people are making good use of this fine weather in calling upon the stranger. All are very kind and soon I shall find myself no longer a stranger. My school is becoming more and more pleasant. True, I have some trials, those who are committed to my care will sometimes be a little [illegible] and it requires some firmness on my part to govern them. But these are only exceptions to the general rule, they only serve to render me watchful. I have now forty young ladies in the school. I got up to write this morning, before school.

I have just finished my day's work and it is almost dark. I shall be here [illegible] only for a few weeks. The evening [illegible] upon my [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] than the [illegible] [illegible]. — This has been a delightful day and so warm that I felt tempted to wear my white bon (I spelled it so because there was no room for [illegible]) While I write, I sit by an open window of my bed=room, and the sky, still tinted by the last rays of the sun, sheds a little light upon my efforts. — Yesterday we attended a lecture at the College, it was by the President; subject, Self improvement. It was an instructive as well as interesting discourse. A few of our pupils attended. These lectures will occur once in three weeks and I hope we shall be able to attend. —

To-day [illegible] this [illegible] to [illegible] some of the [illegible] of [illegible] this letter. I have not been very busy but something has interrupted every time I began to write. Last evening Mr. [illegible] one of our trustees, called upon me and took me home with him. I spent a very pleasant [illegible] with his family. This morning I was going to

the Academy to attend a lecture on Optics. It is to be at eight o'clock and I am every moment expecting Miss [illegible] to call for me to go. The sun is shining very brightly so that they will have a fine opportunity for experiments.

You did not quite — I hardly know what I was about to say when I stopped this morning but I think it must have been that your mistake in the direction of that letter is yet undiscovered. We call this Summit Co. not Sumit. In "olden times" it was Portage Co. but those days are past. I suppose the Folks thought your last letter was written by an ancient matron who still clung to the name she had learned in childhood. [illegible] sounded all through the house as I wrote that last line. I must now listen to school. — I am very well, this place is not subject to [illegible] fevers. There have been several cases of other fevers since I have been here but I think there is nothing contagious. Love to all.

Is Lewis still improving? It must have been quite hard for him when pa was gone.

Utica, Nov. 1, 1855.

Dear Sister Cynthia;

I am seated in a large rocking chair by one of the front windows of the reception room. It is about four o'clock, and while waiting for Robert to bring the horse, I will visit with you a little. It is raining a little without but very pleasant within doors. Customers all gone, Charley in the other room, I am sitting here alone with you; bonnet and shawl on, ready for a start to our Frankenburg home.

you know when Mr. Fuller is ready to have his ho[...] taken, we are coming up again. We were glad to hear that Miriam was better. Hope her mother may still be spared. Is Lewis Thomas with you yet? If so, please remember me to him. Was he sick any after we left? My respects also to Mr. Davies, Tommy, David, Ann &c. &c. Love to all from your sister Mary E.

Enclosed we send $1. worth of Stamps for [illegible].

We called on Nettie this morning on our way down. She is keeping house for Charly Hill. Her sister Lizzie also boards with them and attends school. We found Nettie very busy dress-making. Says her health is better than it used to be. She wants to see Sarah and you very much, thinks she will make you a visit before long, but wants very much to have Sarah come and stay with her two or three weeks. She thinks Sarah has not so many family cares to keep her at home as she has. How is it Sarah!

Robert has brought the horse and says "come Mary" so Good bye at present. Hope we shall have a nice ride, and that you will enjoy yourself

waiting till our return.
Friday morn. Good morning a happy day to you. How are Sarah and Lewis and all the rest of the good folks at home this morning?
We had a pleasant ride down last night it rained, but that was nothing unusual, and we enjoyed it as a matter of course. On reaching there, we found that Dr. & Mrs. Holland had returned from their trip out West. I had never seen Mrs. H. before, she appears to be a very pleasant woman. I think I shall like her. She has been visiting at Chicago about five weeks, Dr. went after her nearly a fortnight ago. Patients all seemed very glad to see them back, and we rejoiced with the rest.

Mary Lewis called on us day before yesterday, and made us quite a little call. She looks, and says she is very well. She has fleshed up a good deal since you saw her. She wants to have Sarah & me and make that talked of visit. When the cars run through Remsen, and we get money enough, wont we fly back and forth some? I shouldnt wonder. I should like to know whether you ever got that package that we sent up for Lewis, Canton flannel, Stock Ale, Rat Poison &c. Mary are both improving in health. I am enjoying myself very much. When shall we hear from you again? if we do not come up very soon.

Home, August 3. 1858

Dear Sis;— We all talk (a little) about writing a little, so I commence at the top of the sheet, in order to economize. It has been raining almost all day, just such a rain as we have at our (Cwrdd mawr sometimes. We had planned a visit to Mr. Williams's today, but Father & [illegible] and the rain prevented.— I had a very pleasant visit in Penymynydd at Widow P. Jones. Elizabeth is at home with her little Mary Elizabeth 8 months old. She is a pretty child, small, but well. E's health is good this summer. The girls want to see you very much. Mary Lewis, (Esq. L's daughter) is now quite sick

with Pleurisy. — Father & Mother
called there last Sabbath. —
Eleanor James. has a little son.
They called there & took tea. —
Wm. J. Prichard has named his
little girl Mary Elizabeth. — Gwen
& John D. are going to have a
nice place. piazza on two sides
the frame of the piazza is up.
The house inside, is very
comfortable now. cosy as you
please. — I staid down one
night. had walked to the
village and back so far.
found myself a leetle weary,
so put up for the night. —
Gwen's health is about as usual,
not first-rate. —— Mary Mannel
teaches in our district this
summer. — She often inquires
for you. Looks very well &

fleshy, is having a little vacation now. Last week she and May & Annie Roberts, daughters of the Roberts tailor, were up to spend the afternoon. Had a pleasant time. The girls are intending to return the visit soon. Your friends all inquire for you and send a great deal of love. We had prayer meeting here week before last. Room very full. Good meeting. Elyn folks were down, &c. &c. May Ann. wanted to see your likeness. There seems to be quite a demand for that article nowadays. — Father's health is quite good, better since his trip. They say, that he is very lively. — Mother is not very strong, though she looks better than last winter. Aunty is here

still about the same —
Jennie bought Mother a double
broche shawl last week.
green centre. It is quite pretty,
and very good for the price
$10. just what Ma wants —
Jennie's health is not very good.
She went to So Hadly last
week. Started Tuesday noon
returned Sat. eve. — She would
have gone on to see you & Elizabeth
but the expense would be about
doubled, and she had but very
little time, — More about her=
self I will let her tell. —

Eddie has grown a good deal
taller, and has improved
accordingly. — Is very diligent with
his work, and is a kind good
brother & son — Anna is playing
on the melodeon. She has also
improved. is quite a young lady
now. — but Anna still. Sarah
told me to leave this last
page for her but I guess
she will have to take
another sheet. — Love to all.
and accept a great deal from
Mary —

to cousin Hattie, cousin Mary, and to [illegible] to pay my debts, and had not money enough with me to pay him then. So now my dear, I [illegible] compose myself to talk a little with you. I was very sorry not to be able to see you again before coming home, but you see I could not very well. — Sarah says if Eddie should ask Mr. Boomer for permission to carry your wood she "thinks he would offer to carry it himself"! wouldn't that be nice! Perhaps the experiment would succeed better if you should ask him

Sometime I hope to answer your good letter. Sat. eve. with your letter to Anna came one for me from Elizabeth. We were glad to hear once more from them and to know they had not been sick only busy. The children do not go to school this winter, but employ their time more advantageously in sledding and other out-door sports.

Mr. B's term was to close the next week for a few days vacation. There have been a few hopeful conversions among the students during the term.

Esq. Taylor their next door neighbor died suddenly the Sab. before she wrote.

Mr. B's LL.D. came from his Alma Mater without solicitation, so I think he prizes it.

What would you think of letting us see your [illegible] which we so much desire [illegible] read tomorrow [illegible] we shall think much of you then

yourself. This too is Sarah's suggestion.
For Sarah has had a hard time
indeed with her teeth, they are now
getting well, but she is just weak.
Father has been quite sick with a
cold and is still quite feeble, He
bundled up and went out Sab. morn
and preached a short sermon. He
did not go in the afternoon for
two reasons, first, he was not able,
second, the roads were too bad.
We have any quantity of snow
In the garden, It is about even
with the [illegible] to the highest
board of the [illegible]. There
is a drift by the south study window
which darkens it a good deal.
We had your letter Sat. eve. I
wish some of us could be with
you tomorrow eve. You have our
sympathy surely, but have good
courage [illegible] dear, I do not fear

but that you will get along well enough.

I believe Jennie & Mother & Anna are cooking something to send to Eddie, with Johnny Cummins who has been home sick the past week. I am glad Eddie comes to see you once in a while as I know you prize his visits so much. I will try to send those things of yours the next opportunity, we have not washed yet. My head aches today so please excuse the dullness of this. Please give my love to Mrs. Ellis, Annie, Maria, Fannie & Davie also to Minnie Jones and Mr. Roberts people to Eddie, yourself and all inquiring friends not forgetting Miss Williams. Please send Sarah Maria's letter home, as I have not seen it yet neither Jane or Margaret. How is Fannie?

has she been sick again since I was there. I wish I could have been with you at Mr. Andrew Jones' that afternoon. I should have been so glad to have had a visit with Mrs. Davis. Do you know how they are at Marcy? — I must close now, not for want of room but for lack of ideas.

Your sister Mar.

Yesterday just before sunset I went out to feed the cows and as I was coming in I saw the sun for the first time this long while. The trees before had been covered with ice which appeared to have been transformed into myriads of sparkling diamonds. The snow too seemed whiter than it ever had and when I stooped to look upon it, I could see the little flakes nestling there all unchanged by the sunrising. They were star formed, diamond and bud like. I gazed a long time at the fairy scene wishing you were with me to enjoy it too. Then I came in to see if none of the girls would not like to go out but they were not in the mood and when I went out again the sun was hid behind a heavy cloud which lay all around the horizon, reminding me of those clouds we saw as we were riding to Trenton that day you didn't go back to Whitestown which looked, you said, as tho' all the light clouds had been pressed down into them the rest of the sky was clear.

Remsen, Dec. 13. 1864.

Dear Sister,

If you have been wondering why I have not yet gone to Utica you must have better weather there for going out than we have here. Yesterday it was very storming and cold and today cold very cold, but it was pleasanter about noon today and I should have gone down only that our sewing society meets at Cabin and the girls needed the horse to go there. If the weather is fit I shall go down tomorrow morning if not write immediately and tell us where to find that bonnet of yours. We can find nothing of it. Sarah has hunted high and low for it every where she can think it could be. — All well — Hastily

Jennie

How are cousins? Is Ollie still with you. Dont be in any hurry about coming home. Hope you are having a good time. Have you been to see Annie yet?

Get half a dozen small knifes & forks for presents similar to those Fanny had. if they have on them "For a good boy" or something of that sort it'll be better only remember we have one little girl here. Get good steel. — Excuse the writing my hands are stiff with the cold — May.

Home, June 21, 1866

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

in the year I think I will celebra[te]
it by writing to you our northern
children, and perhaps to John and
Elizabeth. I am glad that you and
Eddie write to them once in a
while as we have not much time
to write.— We were very glad to
get your letter last night and
to note the cheerful tone in which
it was written. Do you really
feel so lively as your words would
indicate? "As cold water to a thirsty
soul, so is good news from a far
country." You dear child, you dont
know how much I have wanted

to see you during the past two weeks. Some days it has seemed as though I must run up there right away to see how you were getting along and to talk matters over. We are so glad that those naughty boys are behaving some better. It must be a great comfort to have those large noble gentlemanly boys. They will help the school and the school-máam. Take all the comfort you can with those that do behave, and dont fret about the rest. "Fret not thyself because of evil doers" you know the Bible says so. I believe that verse is just suited to your case.

I am sorry your school is so large. It is too large altogether for your salary, and too large any way for a summer school with such a lot of little ones as there always is, and such a variety of classes. Still if

you can get along comfortably
and can manage to get fat on it.
all right. I don't like to have you
grow thin up there any way —
The last time you told us your
weight it was 116. now you say
you have got up to 112! I think
you weighed 120 not long before
you went up there — However
if you are on the gain now we should
be very thankful. Be as jolly and
joyous as you can my dear. We
were quite amused with your
account of the fashions &c.
on the hill. They must look
rather droll. Mrs. Thatcher is
doing up your jockey and mine.
Have you a choice between round
crown or flat? There is not enough
for dew-drop, besides she has
no block. neither has Miss
Thomas. Sarah has bought her a
new one between Derby and sea-side

Now as to the Fourth. The goings on came off yesterday. That is Will and Mary came home from their trip to Albany and Schenectady on Tuesday. Yesterday they had company mostly from Russia. The Roberts family were there all but John. He is in Rome and none of them came from Rome. They were expected however. Pierce and R[illegible] children were there, Sue M[illegible] and our girls Jennie & Sarah. That is all from this way. Anna and I did not feel able to go. I have had a severe headache for several days.

They had a pleasant time and are coming down to see us next Monday. That is the Ames and the Roberts are coming to visit us that evening. We expect Eddie to be home of course and perhaps you. Don't you think you had better come? Do you think it would derange your school for you to leave it for so long. You see for aught we know the fourth, as we expected it to be, is over already. Father expects to go to Floyd to temperance meeting that day. Come home with Eddie if you think best. We need not say we shall be glad to see you. Hope some of us can come there before long. — Eddie told us about his visit to your school. Said he found things better than he expected, from your report.

Good bye with love from all — Mary. —

Mrs. Thatcher has proven used to have ready to go with Eddie

letter was brought to the house by [illegible]
[illegible]man. I was very glad to learn
that you were getting along [illegible]
comfortably at home. I suppose
you are busy now with [illegible]
I wish I could help you.

There is no preparatory course of
lectures, so I am having a good time
to rest and get everything arranged.

I cannot help feeling badly to
think that the girls might have
visited to see Dr. Butler after all.
It is better for me of course, to have
had a good time [illegible], and to
be here a little while before. [illegible]

I rec'd the umbrella & parasol all right, thanks [illegible] in the
bags a few minutes before I got there, Mr. Francis was [illegible]
them but said they would [be]
all right. They were in the baggage car, and
were taken by the expressman
to the store. They had to
pay 25 cts. on them, Mr. [illegible]
said if they had been
put in the freight car,
they would have gone
to the freight house
and they could have got
them from there.
Has Emma had the
[illegible] yet? I am glad
to hear [illegible]
comfortable. [illegible]
the letter which I
[illegible] immediately on
[illegible] I hope I shall
get a letter from my [illegible]
Bobbie before long.
[illegible] getting rested nicely
[illegible]
evening.

might have got along without being so selfish if I had known all about it.

Yesterday Lizzie went with me to N.B. to make enquiries &c. We made our way first to David Griffiths. Saw Mr. and Mrs. Griffith. Had a very pleasant call and a good dinner. The children were at school. Mrs. G. had delivered my letter to Mrs. H. and [illegible] [illegible] were the same whether absent or present. that the matter seemed settled. and as they were expecting me down so soon and there was so little to say, Lizzie had neglected to write. — After dinner we started in search of the college thinking that if the exercises had commenced we should find some of the faculty there. Did not get into the college rooms, but learned by making enquiries of a lady in an adjoining part of the building that

there was nothing to be expected till
next week. Thence we proceeded to
the the residence of Dr. Lozier 361 W.
34th St. where we met with a very
pleasant reception. It was an
agreeable surprise for me to find
that the Dr. C. S. Lozier with
whom I have been corresponding,
and saying "Dear Sir" to is a lady.
She is rather a small woman, not
very much larger than I. (Lizzie says
she thought she looked down upon
her rather) She is very kind in
her manner, appears to be an
earnest worker, and capable I
should think of doing a great deal
of business. There were quite
a number of ladies, six or ten,
in the parlor waiting to see her
before we got there. They were
patients we thought. When they
had nearly all left, she came in
to the back parlor where we were

Lizzie joins me in much love. Thomas has gone to attend [illegible]
meeting in Ward Beecher's church. We thought we would not [illegible]

sitting and as she extended her hand with a smile, I rose and asked if it was our turn. "I don't know dear", said she, and still retaining my hand she asked another lady if it was our turn or hers. It being hers we contented ourselves a little longer. — When at last we were invited in, we found the reception no such formidable affair as my trembling heart had anticipated. — She was kind, cordial and unassuming. Said my testimonials had been received, that it was all right and that she hoped that I would find the lectures satisfactory. She looked rather tired, said she had had an unusual run of business that day. — On our leaving she said "Good afternoon dear, I am glad to have seen you" — You can judge that we came away feeling quite happy and thankful. — I have met with a very warm welcome here with cousins and am enjoying myself very much. Lizzie says I can stay with them and Mrs. Lozier said that a good many of their students boarded in Brooklyn last year. The exercises are from 9 to 1 or 2. The opening exercises which [illegible] noticed were to be in the eve. are to be public. So I can have company.

327 E. 12 St. Apr. 5/70

My dear little Sister;

I wrote you a few lines on Sabbath when I suppose you were having a pretty rough time. Hope you are about at your journey's end now. Wonder how you feel on landing. Sunday P.M. I felt so uneasy about you whenever the wind blew and the rain poured that I went to see our good Sa. K. had quite a long visit. Hee went to see how you were getting along. Said the see was pretty rough but you were all safe. You were lying down had been trying to read but could not make much of it

Horace Lewis & Family. When have you heard from Eddie & Mati? I am very pleasantly located here, have an hour in an dispensary Tues. Thurs. & Sat's from 3 to 4 P.M. Am succeeding well so far. Some pretty cases. All doing well. Am enjoying Myself nicely though I have been nearly sick since last Fri. thought that I would treat myself to oysters, but think they could not have been fresh as they sickened me and caused a great deal of pain in Stomach & bowels which has not entirely left me since. but am much better. Have been around every day, attending to patients &c but have not been good for much. Anna, if fish of any kind makes one sick give Puls. Bad meat Carbo. veg. You know you are the Dr. now I am away.

When is Johnnie going to answer my letter?

Good bye now sweet- lots of love and write soon to your loving Sister

Mary.

I see that I have written on part of two sheets, but guess it will do. How is Mrs. Hugh Jones? also Margt Griffiths I wrote last one to Mrs. had neglected her. When have you written. I had a line from her announcing her safe arrival. I suppose she is very busy. —

I have just been having my breakfast. Stewed tomatoes which you know is my getting well dish. It is late for them & they did not taste wonderfully; and I haven't much appetite for [illegible]
I go to Bellevue Thursdays & Saturdays. expect to go this P.M.

315 W. 15 St. Apr. 27.

My dear little Sister;

It seems a long time since I have written to you. Your last letter was written Apr. 12. How have you been the last two weeks? I feel quite anxious to know as it has been a critical time. If you have got along well so far I think you will do. You may be sure my thoughts and prayers are with you often. I called on Mrs. Duryea the other day. She was much pleased to hear of your prosperity and to receive your kind message. She sent much love and good wishes.

Yesterday P.M. I took tea and spent the evening with the Jones girls. Had a good time and read your letters much to the pleasure of the company. They send love and told me to tell you that they wished you were there too.- Their sister Julia is with them now. She sent a special message of love. Said she met you at Mr. Evans' at Rome.-

Mrs. Gilbert wishes she could be there with you. She used to put up at the Charleston Hotel.- Dr. Lilienthal wishes me to tell you to think of him when you go to the Battery. He enquires for you with interest. He does not want me to bother much with Spiritualism, though he believes in the ministrations of Spirit friends. He says I am too ethereal already, it would

take but little to develop me
into a clairvoyant and if I were
so developed I should be sick
nine tenths of my time. The
reason of my being sick so much
is that I am so sensitively
organized. He says I had better
put my mind on Mat. Med. &c &c. –
So I tell our good Dr. R. that he
must not develop me any more
as it would not be very comfortable
for me to be sick nine tenths of
my time. You don't know how
much better my health is now
since coming here. Four weeks
yesterday I was at Mrs. Parry's and
I have been comparing notes.
To be sure I did not feel very
well yesterday and remained
in bed till nine o'clock, but
went to the college in the P.M.
thence to the girls and walked
home with no ill effect.

I do not usually lie down 15 minutes during the day.
The tables have been turned. Dr. R. is not very well and has become my patient. Ahem! I am dosing him homoeopathically and quieting him with my Magnetism. He has been overdoing, and I think has had too much Spiritualism on the brain. So I tell him. — I must let you into a little secret though he told me not to tell. There is a little matrimonial (prospective) magnet out in Indianna which will draw him thither before very long. I tell him that I think much more of him now as it shows him to be a man of sense. — More anon.
Miss Scott sends love. Miss Weld I believe, Miss Dickenson. Mrs. Tiffany Mrs. Jones & c & c and especially our friends here. I had a letter from home day before yesterday they want me to come home if only for a few days before very long to see Anna & Father. Probably I shall go week after next. Good bye now with lots of love.
I must write home.
Write a few words when you can to your loving sister
but do not overtax.
Mary.
Nellie Roberts (Thomas) sends love.

315 W. 18 St. N. Y.

My dear little sister:

One whole week has nearly elapsed since your departure and I have had as yet no letter from you. Have written twice. I hope you have reached your journey's end and have had at least my first letter. — I am very happy in my ~~first~~ new home, am gaining decidedly. Was at the college yesterday and they all remarked on my improvement. As I was going down I reached Broadway just in time to see the colored procession which was marching up Broadway. I think they had

… & the slate. Good bye. Excuse miserable writing. Your loving sister Mary. —

speaches in Union Square. —
You are doubtless more
cognizant than I was of the
fact that yesterday was the
anniversary of the day on which
the fifteenth amendment
to the constitution was passed,
giving them the ballot. — The
procession looked finely. I never
saw so many dusky faces before.
Was wishing you were here.

How are you getting along
my dear child! Keep up good
courage. It will not be long
before June at the farthest
Do you want more money?
I have felt sorry that you
went with so little for if you
are sick you will need more.

I suppose the weather
is beautiful there now
and that there are flowers

in abundance. I have my graduating bouquet on a shelf in my room. It is quite dry and looks very pretty and cheerful. This is a lovely day, not so bright as yesterday which was very sunny.

I was at the Drs. yesterday. He asked very kindly about "our little sister", said he thought of you often and prayed for you. Said he did not know as it would do any good, but he did pray for you morning noon and night. Let us pray for him earnestly sister dear. A shade of deep sadness came over me while talking with him as he expressed some of his views about God. I cannot give up my assurance of God's personality and of his personal presence

assistance and guidance. I wish I could get some minister to talk candidly with him. What were we sent in there for? There was certainly some design, and our influence and conversation will have some mutual effect. "Guide us O thou great Jehovah."

Good bye darling with love and a kiss. It is most nine and if I do not hurry this will not go in the steamer today if indeed that is the way the mail goes. I hope to hear from you today. Had a letter from home night before last. They expressed much satisfaction at the assurance that you were not out in that big Sunday storm. Said they thought of you whenever the wind blew, which was pretty often. They had not had my last letter. In that I forgot to give them your address in Charleston—will write it today

Apr. 12. 1870.
315 W. 13. St. N. Y.

My darling Sister;

Your letter came like a healing balm to my troubled spirit. How thankful did I feel for the first sentence assuring me that you had been blessed with a prosperous and pleasant voyage. - How thankful should we feel towards our Heavenly Father for his loving care over us during our absence from each other. My faith stands rebuked for my want of trust. - It was hard indeed for me to bid you good by on that rainy afternoon -

and to see the steamer bear you away among strangers. and they perhaps unfriendly to your work. - You may be sure my dear, that my prayers though weak. followed you. What a restful experience it gives us to realize that our God is Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent. - I cling more tenaciously to his personality - than ever. "Fear not I am with thee." &c "Be still and know that I am God." - Let us ever trust him & seek to know him better. -

Your letter came to Mrs. Guyea's on Saturday but I did not get it till Sabbath eve when I went down to church. I had been there Thursday & Friday to look for one. Miss Furnas was

there taking tea. She as well as
they all was pleased to hear your
letter. Mrs. Auryea expressed much
pleasure at your safe arrival
Miss Furnas sent her love. Miss
F. remained silent. How thankful
I am to get away from that
influence. - I am having such a
good rest now here. am feeling
and looking, people say, much
better. Wish I had come here
during the holidays, but perhaps
the discipline of last winter was
needful - "Behind a frowning
providence, he hides a shining
face." It certainly was a kind
providence that sent you here
during those trying days at the
close of the term. - I feel very
thankful for having had you

them. –

Yesterday and last night we had a rain, today it is bright and pleasant again. Hope I shall hear from you soon again. Tell me how you like Mr. Warren. Do I direct your letters right. Hope they will reach you anyway. If you should continue the acquaintance of that lady remember me kindly to her and tell her how my heart warmed towards her. I am much obliged to that gentlemanly Dr. for his politeness to you. and to the steward and stewardess, and all the rest. I think your company as bad as the "Elgin" folks for finding nicknames. What evening did you have that promenade with the Dr. Good by. with love. – M. H. E. M. D.!!!

318 W. B St,
N. Y. May 2,

My dear little Southerner;

How I would like to have the distance annihilated for a little, so that I could drop in upon you and see for myself how you are. Is the warm weather telling upon you? and so much study, how do you endure it?

Our good friend Dr. R. starts for Indianna to day for his bride. She is a nice looking girl nearly 21 and he is most 35 just like all the old bachelors! He talked with me

a good deal about his dear little Allie. I do hope they will be happy. He said he felt almost guilty to take such a little young thing and he so much older but he loved her and thought he would take good care of and be kind to her. I told him if he didn't, and I had a chance, I would attend to his case. I sent my love to her and received hers in return.

Miss Dickinson goes this week to Northampton Mass. to assist for the Summer at the Water Cure there. Mrs. Gilbert has also gone there she has charge of uterine cases. I read your letters to her. she was much interested. and sent love. Dr. K. sends love. he has

enquired for you a good many times lately. He has been quite poorly and I have been to see him every other day to magnatize and quiet him. He says I have done him a great deal of good. I was glad indeed to make some return for his kindness and pay him back "in his own coin". I see by the Leu, that you are comming home in the beginning of June. I am glad, as it will be better for you to have your first summer season there short. Did I tell you that I got your bed clothes from your trunk? I also put tobacco with your dresses &c.. I think some of going home next week for a little while. Father

and Anna went to see
me. Mrs. Lee goes to
Saratoga soon. I fear it
will not be so pleasant
here under the new
arrangement. It has
been very agreeable so far
and so have remembered very
nicely. — I go to 34th St.
dispensary and Dr. L. is as kind
as ever.

How do your pupils prosper
in their studies? I wish I
knew whether their teacher
was losing or gaining flesh.
Wish you were gaining as fast
as I am. How you must
enjoy the flowers &c & the
trees are leaving out nicely
here now and the magnolias
are in blossom. I went with
Miss Dickinson into the academy
of Design the other day. It was
a rich treat & wished you were
there to enjoy it with us.
Good bye now darling accept
a kiss from your loving sister

Mary. —

My dear little sister [illegible]

[illegible] those few
weeks on the lake: [illegible] and
[illegible] in the woods, and on [illegible]
where there are three trees together
and a stump beside them and a
nice seat between. Do you
remember? in the upper edge
of our woods. It is delightful
cool now for several days.
I came home last Friday, and
shall remain two weeks. It is a real
treat to be at home after so long
an absence. It is so long
since I have [illegible] and so
long since they have seen
[illegible] I hardly know

Little Sara is
ever so cunning.
She said to me
several times
"Aunt Malie, do oo
like Bossy milk."
"Are you Aunt Mali?"
"Yes" "are you Callie?"
"No" "well who are?"
"Malie." Sara [illegible]
gave Maggie a nice
doll not long since
and they brought
it out for me to
see. She sat on
my lap admiring
it in my hands,
turning her head
to get different
views and saying
over and over
"Maggie baby" "Maggie
baby" and then she
kissed it passionately.
She had not been
permitted to [illegible]
before for fear of soiling it.

I think we must get Callie a doll before long.

what to say first. Have you
felt grieved at our neglect?
Business, business. that is the
only excuse. I find Addie gaining
much better than she was two
[illegible] [illegible] you [illegible] I do not
see her [illegible] [illegible], she
works a good deal in the garden
with flowers [illegible] etc. I feel
quite encouraged about her
though she is feeble still. She,
as well as the rest were
disappointed at the prospect of
your longer stay south. though
we all feel that you can judge
what is best. We are all so
thankful to know that you
are so helpful and usefully
situated. It would be pleasant
of course to have you home
to visit around with others,
but we are entirely satisfied to
have you remain as long as

you consider it unwise to
do so. I will come out to see
will you not? As this is your
first summer south I should
think it would be hard to
run away from the hottest
of the weather. It does us
ever so much good to get your
letters and to know that you
are so well, so useful and
so happy. —
Now for N. E. news. Mrs. Bryan
sends her best regards. She is
much pleased to hear of your
success also Mrs. W. Mitchell &
bought the little house for them
Mrs. Parry & the girls and Ann
Maria is at home now [illegible]
the [illegible] of
their sister Julia is with them.
Miss Scott and Miss Hale are
much interested in your
letters. They send their and

earnest wishes for your
success. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in her efforts to do
something noble in these days!
Dr. [illegible] wishes me to give
his love and tell [illegible] not to marry
a darkey. He goes west to
attend a medical convention at
Chicago next month. He also
Dr. Gardner, [illegible] of the
[illegible] for you. He sends [illegible]
also. [illegible]
his bride and [illegible] as happy
as can be. I called on them
the day I [illegible] and
like her much. They are
very pleasantly located at
121 W. 28 St. — Mrs. Lee,
[illegible]
[illegible]
month. [illegible]
a day or two before [illegible]

I think we must get Callie a doll before long. Little Eddie [illegible]

327 E. 12 St. N.Y. Jan. 16/'11.

Dear Little Sister,

Yours was received today and was ever so gladly welcomed. It came in company with one from our brother, Dr. Keith, from whom I had not heard since my return to N.Y. I will enclose it with this & ask what you think of his proposition? I have longed for you, darling, ever so much the past few weeks. I wanted the assistance of your good sense to keep me from being morbidly sensitive & silly. It does almost seem as though we might do well together. You soothe me more than any one else when I am sick sometimes, & at times I help you. Still on some accounts

Now my darling, I hope you will get ever so much better soon. Be sure & report before long. Let me know exactly how you are so that I can know how to [illegible]. If you could have replacement it would be well, but we can see what medicine & bathing will do. You have doubtless sympathized too much with your dear friend Sarah Martin for your own good, but such things we can hardly help & we must try to rally as well as we can. Do you have your class at the jail? Is not that too much a tax on your sympathies? You know when we know (if we could) just what we can do & what we cannot we may be able to hit the happy medium & thus make the most of our strength. Lots of love to your good friends Mr. & Mrs. Warren, the sister [illegible] & your own dear self.

It is best for us to mingle more with
other people. We are all too sensitive
& too much alike magnetically to be
together all the time. I am rallying
again & am glad to learn that you
are also. I had the pleasure of hearing
Dr. Wm Jones preach twice yesterday in
11 St. There is to be a lecture tonight on
Germany & France to which I may go. As
he has resided some years in Germany
I think it will be interesting. Tommy
Jones accompanied me home last
eve. They have just returned from
their transatlantic visit. Tommy
wished me to tender his kind regards
to you. He looks much healthier
now than formerly. Mary Jones
sends lots of love. She gave me
a good rubbing some time since &
it did me good. Now my dear about
<u>your</u> health: You have evidently overtaxed
yourself & will probably do better now
the Latin class is off your mind.

How is it about Menstruation? I know you took your journey at an unfavorable time. Did the menses appear right that period & how has it been since? Probably you are suffering again from retroversion. Do you take the movement of getting on your knees with shoulders down &c.? that [illegible] help you. also if you could take a short sitz bath - once or twice daily, it would do you an immense amount of good. Dont take it too cold 75° perhaps, & not longer than 4 to 5 minutes. Do you deal freely in alcohol externally? Douce it on head, stomach & throat when you feel those hysterical symptoms. You'll master them, bye & bye, I 'spect.

I send you some Odo-magnetic Sugar of Milk, which has proved very beneficial in my case quieting my poor troubled nerves charmingly. Dose. as much as you can take on the point of a penknife once a day. Be sure & keep your feet

now in my quarters.

warm. When you get a girl again to rub you, if you can, have her come every morning & treat you in the following manner, 1st Let the patient sit in a chair with back uncovered. then let the attendant immerse a sponge in cold water squeezing it after it has been taken out, & pass it down the spinal column in downward direction. 10 a 12 strokes will be sufficient, the sponge to be immersed anew after every stroke & squeezed out. Then the back must be dried with a soft towel from above downward. Breathing on the back would be beneficial after this or a few passes with the hands. having them crossed, so that the left hand passes down along the right side of the spines the right hand the left. I send you one dose of Med. to be taken in the morning as soon as you can after you receive this. & the Magnetic sugar at night & have to cover it with black to keep out the light.

[illegible]

[illegible]

My dear little Sister,

[illegible]

[illegible] Friday [illegible] in Phila' [illegible] money and took the [illegible] train on Sat. [illegible] how you were enjoying [illegible] whether you have been well during my absence. &c.

My trip to Phila' has refreshed me much. It was worth while going there. I became acquainted with dear good Father [illegible] the [illegible] America.

[illegible]

[illegible] had [illegible]

[illegible] which was to

[illegible] $. 36. Well I found

[illegible] $. 20 and

[illegible] !! [illegible]

[illegible] ?!! (don't [illegible])

[illegible] that all right

[illegible]) this left me

[illegible] not much mo[illegible]

[illegible] enough the [illegible]

[illegible] not enough to

[illegible] Sunday,

[illegible] my steady return.

My expenses there were

$. 1. per day, so that my

whole trip cost me

[illegible] than $. 12, and I

[illegible] $. 16, in the bucket

[illegible] very bad [illegible]

[illegible] I know [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible].

I think they will

make it all right [illegible]

that is, will [illegible]

this last [illegible].

[illegible]

for [illegible]

you [illegible]

[illegible]

you [illegible]

I have [illegible]

most any [illegible]

I [illegible]

[illegible] when [illegible].

My [illegible]

[illegible]

my absence. [illegible]

[illegible]

mind. My [illegible]

me after all, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the church
the Thompson [illegible]
[illegible] Mo[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] church
[illegible]
[illegible] terribly [illegible]
Yours [illegible]

Mr. Hoyt is at Glen
[illegible]. Mr. Penning
has been absent
several days, and
[illegible] dear [illegible] was just
here. Margaret's
place is pretty filled
[illegible] Amelia. Miss Berky
[illegible] fine and [illegible]
[illegible] hurry [illegible]. She
[illegible] me [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible]

[illegible],

Including yourself, but [illegible]

[illegible] Theodore, [illegible], [illegible]

and I must not let send you any

more of the same. Dr. Finch

to get well [illegible] good bye, good bye. Love to all, lots of kisses to you [illegible] Mele and lots for you. What a [illegible] Carrol [illegible] is a thing the [illegible] Eddie. [illegible] wants any more Buckwheat any thing else he must let me know. My love to Mrs H. Jones [illegible] remember [illegible] her name [illegible] laughter [illegible]

of Brooklyn told me some

time since that he

thought that when one

had an aggravation from

a remedy the best way

to cure it was to give

some more! "a hair of

the same dog"!! He says

also that she has had

aggravation when he

met several dozen them

when he was only one

that the very first pronunc-
iation had not altered.
Perhaps that is the reason
that Annie had no eggs at
this time, as I seem to think
me that she is a great
deal better than when
I saw her last.
[illegible]
taken place on the 21st. Will
you be present? If so,
please come... Do now.

Take measures [illegible]

Can't [illegible] kiss me the

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

very [illegible] with the [illegible] [illegible]!

She [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible]

are [illegible], Mrs. Byrne's

baby is lovable. [illegible] as

you please. — Good bye

darling. Take the [illegible]

just as easy as you please

Don't think you must do any-

thing unless you feel like it.

pleasure. That is the way for you

Dec. 15,
167 W. 24 St. [illegible] 187[illegible]

Dear little Sister;

Of course I should like to be surprised with that beautiful nice shawl. Was intending to get me one, was wishing I had asked Eddie to get me one, had come to the conclusion that I could not get along much longer without one & so you see it will be just the thing.

My patients are all getting better and if no one else gets me fast I'll [illegible]

hope to be able to go away
home the last of next week
or the week after. Mrs. Pugh
is gaining nicely starts for
Liverpool next Thurs. June 20.
She told me yesterday that if
she had felt as well last
week as she does this, she
would not have taken
passage but the money
is paid & she has got to
go! I am glad of it, uncle
Jones so she is for she needs
it to build her up. Mrs. Kay
goes with her. Jennie
asked me once who Miss
Ireland was. She is Mrs.
Kay's daughter with whom she
lives. (North Page) Jennie Jones
Uncle wrote to Mr. Thomas for
last week that Jennie had
gained steadily since I had
been there, & that she was

better than she had
been in two years. Was
not that pretty nice? You
know he did not think
much of me then. He thought
that I was killing Jennie.
I must go and see them
when I go home. Must
call on Dr. Guilean too. I
think he is a real gentle-
man.

Wish that you had better
... ... that
taking the Flat.

Accept lots of love
from Mary.

How is Father?

Cousin Mary is getting better and was
there last night. Mrs. E. was down
with a cold. He wrote me yesterday
that he is getting over it. They both
send a great deal of love. . .

Mary E.

[illegible]

316 W. 35 St Ny
Nov. 16. 72

My darling little sister;

Sarah's letter & your note came this P.M. & I hasten to make atonement for past neglect. Every day since your last came, have I been going to answer, but my letter to Sarah will explain. I am feeling much better. So are all my patients in the city here. & I am making some money, recd $5. this evening without asking for it too!! We have a very pleasant room a parlor on 2nd floor. with lace curtains, sofa bed &c. ever so nice

you take the Rubicon all?
Good night dearest. Such a cheery heart. Hope you will have a good visit with cousin Thomas.

Fifty kisses dear
from Mary.

I have been sticking you up a good deal the [illegible] shirt [illegible] dreams for that [illegible]

My darling;

I fear you have been feeling more poorly than you would have done had I been more faithful in writing. I think you are much better than you were in the summer dear for you have longer intervals.

I send you a few powders to be taken Night & Morning till you see some effect: If there is a decided improvement you will of course stop & await results. I do not think it will aggravate your symptoms. as it is of a lowering.

Please write or have the others write soon & keep me informed. Did you take Bell & Gels. through your last menstrual period? Did

must take time to describe it more fully again. We have the privilege of the kitchen which makes it very pleasant. I thought I wish you could just look in upon us. It is late. My companion has retired after leaving messages of love to you all. I must write you a short note this time & follow her.

Tell Jennie that I will answer her letter soon.

Please give my love to all the folks & accept bushels yourself. You don't know how much good it did me to hear that Emma is so well.

Lovingly dear.

Your May.

316 W. 35th St. N.Y.
Dec. 13, 187[illegible].

Little Sister;

I shouldn't wonder if I was getting in the habit of answering letters myself!! for I did it last night and am doing the same thing tonight. What do you think is going to happen? I'm afraid my friends will think I am sick again, as Ma did when I wrote that funny letter. (What do you suppose is the matter with me, to dot every other word?) Yours came this P.M. & although a letter started for you & Jennie this morning I write again tonight.— Now dearie, I will give directions more explicitly than I have it seems before.

Whenever you have an unconscious or bewildered spell take a powder before, if you can, ~~if~~ if not, after. Whenever you feel particularly nervous or have those dreads, take one [illegible] [illegible] it will not throw it off.

I think you might [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] take more [illegible] till you [illegible]
better. They are the same as
I sent before but [illegible] to be
taken regularly only till you
had some effect, afterwards whenever
you had any particularly nervous symptoms.
The design is, to ward them off after a
while. Yes, dearie, you may take Sulph.,
I think an occasional dose of Sulph. will benefit you most.
whenever you feel Sulph. like, it will
It always helps you, but the other will take a
deeper hold I think
not interfere. You may also take Bell.
& Gels. occasionally when you feel
though it would do ~~them~~ good. I
think Bell. covers the headache
with ~~[illegible]~~ sensitiveness to noise &
light best. while Gels. throws off
those feelings of dread &c. but
if your new medicine will throw
off all these feelings, Hurrah for
it. I shall be most highly delighted.
I hope very much from it. I am
very glad you had your menses so nicely
last time. It does make so much difference
with us all.

[illegible] my [illegible]
[illegible] keep cheering,
[illegible] do you practise the [illegible]
[illegible] these days?
My [illegible] love & a kiss & I
am not ~~jel~~ jealous of my dear little Sis.
[illegible] has just been delivered, [illegible]
[illegible] on the lips, that is sweet fresh and
as pure as nectar sips. Don't you
think my machine has improved a
little? I hope the steel & timber are
not any brittle, for if it should
breakdown & throw it I shall cry, and
nobody will know the reason why.
Anna laughs at me, she does, she thinks
I'm queer, but I shall proceed without
any fear. Guess she'd like to write
some poetry too, if she thought that
way she could get through, Says she
means to try, one of these days
when the wind is high. Pretty well
for her, dont you think so Sis! Said
it all herself, without any miss.
Now she would have you bear

in mind, that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
she's not inclined [illegible] [illegible]
she is after all [illegible] [illegible] my
now [illegible] with [illegible],
she didn't make [illegible] [illegible]!
No not that! [illegible] [illegible]
yes, she made my [illegible] [illegible].
Now good night — My darling, good night
with a kiss, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
dear little Sis. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
my head on the pillow [illegible] [illegible]
to my sofa bed. [illegible] [illegible]
times, I had better have ceased,
before being reminded that my wheels
should be greased, but, funning aside,
I must stop soon, if for no other
reason than want of room.
So farewell my dears, farewell all
& one, will you not be glad when
I have ~~doubt~~ done.

Mary M. D.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I think [illegible]

[illegible] Dr. [illegible]!

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] come [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] I might [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

316 W. 36th St. N.Y.
[illegible] 12. 18[illegible]5

Dear Little Sister,

Your dear letter with Jennie's finally was thrice welcome this A.M. I was [illegible] thinking of writing to inquire how Mary Worth [illegible] had been [illegible] since I had heard from home, (you see there was Christmas week, [illegible] New Years week too, then all the time since then, that's all!! Is not that fair counting? I [illegible] [illegible] considering the [illegible] circumstances [illegible] [illegible] yet [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] have been very [illegible] charity [illegible] you did not

[illegible] the [illegible] to have [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] piece of a shawl
[illegible]
[illegible]
— I would [illegible] have a letter [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the prettiest & most becoming thing
you could have. [illegible]
[illegible] which you would [illegible]
[illegible] for the winter [illegible]
[illegible] enough to [illegible]
[illegible] of a friend. Well, Maybe
I shall be rich some time! [illegible]
[illegible] very busy at the
[illegible] & [illegible] have
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] spring
[illegible] very [illegible].

[illegible] stage [illegible]

[illegible] now [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] they could enjoy [illegible]

[illegible]

how [illegible] they [illegible]

[illegible]

and I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] you
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] dear,
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]! [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] day, he
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] of Mine,
[illegible] [illegible] of my [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the wedding
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] making [illegible]
[illegible] for next [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]? [illegible]. [illegible]!
[illegible] Sweet you [illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible]! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] you in [illegible]!!.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Sarah. [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]!
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mary.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ?

316 W. 36th St N.Y.
May 12, 1878.

Dear Little Sister:

I was intending to send a note to you in Mother's letter, but a lady called and I went with her to see a sick child. So that was closed in a hurry. I am ever so glad you mentioned the egg nog, for I had been feeling badly & wanting some=thing without knowing what it was, so after reading your note I just went & got me some eggs, beat one up, made a nog & lo! it was just the thing!! I have been feeling

Tell Jennie I reported before long about her eye symptoms. I do wish you could see my office. I enjoy it ever so much. Good bye again. Good bye. Love to all. Wish I had your photographs just as you all look at this minute. Good night. Your Sister.

Tell Pa I am much obliged to him for directing Mother's letter. So I have a little for him last.

one with fringe around it. also a round one if you could spare me. I have a round stand about the size of the one in the parlor Dont trouble yourselves about them if it is not convenient & if Eddie does not call. I wish Eddie could bring me some Maple Sugar. I am boarding myself & it would be nice. Has that tin can of honey that I got from Jennie Jones (North Gage) ever been used. It is an oyster can. I think it had better be opened if it has been overlooked. I think I put it on the cellar floor. forgot it when I came away. — I wonder if Eddie knows my present address. I must write to him tonight.—

better ever since. Am almost well already!
The clock strikes 10 & I must think of retiring, but will say a few words more. Mr. Byrns has been here this evening with my clothes. His little girl is just as fat as butter, wish you could see her. Mrs. B. often asks for you affectionately. Mr. B. works at the College this Spring. Mrs. Hughes still holds on. What a spring we are having! Rainy weather predominates here, how is it with you? Today has been very pleasant. If you could spare my square tidy I would like it for my office chair. It is the

I am glad you are getting along so
nicely & are so cheerful. I send you one
dose of Sulph. for Spring Medicine, then
you may go on with your pills as you
think best. When have you been
to Flyn? How does Sally get along? My love
to her & Billy when you see them.
Good bye darling Good bye. Keep up
Good heart & write when you
feel like to your loving sister

Mary.

316 W. 3[illegible] St. N. Y.
July 21st 18[illegible].

Dearest Little Sister;

Yours came to hand this A. M. Was very glad to hear from home again after so long a silence, but sorry to learn that you were not so well. Don't be discouraged darling, we have had some pretty hot weather. Am glad you were pleased with my likeness How do you like the Spanish look which the lace shawl gives me? Dr. Lilienthal said his boys were greatly pleased with it; said they did not think I could (or would)

Makes my outdoor calls today so that I can keep quiet. Am improving now With love ever So much, and the hope of writing a better letter soon Your loving Sister
Mary

I send a dose of Sulph high which will I think help you.

get myself up with so much style. Dear, just as though I was not always as stylish as anybody!! Well, I suppose I am not. Sad, isn't it? Am sorry Elizabeth's visit will be so short I must write to her. Wonder if they will pass through N.Y. How I do wish I had a house. Am still boarding or living rather on 34th St. It takes some of my time, but is good for me on the whole as it secures me good regular meals and a splendid sleeping place and really more of a home feeling than I could have living by myself here. My dear husband left me on Sat. last. Had a letter from her from Camden N. Jersey this A.M.

Am glad you have had a visit from cousins Mary & Fanny.

So you are busy in the hay! I shall be glad when the harvest is over so that you can have some rides.

Wish Mr. Jones would give up his tobacco! It would be a glorious thing for him. Ann would perhaps help him to give up the habit. Then I might send you some Tabaccam.

Wish I might be at home when cousin Mary Rankin & daughter are there. My love to them. So cousin Aleck has really made his way up to Steuben! Hope now he has learned the way, that he will try it again. I trust his trip to the Thousand Islands will be enjoyable & profitable. You must have had a feast on the fish.

Tell Pa not to worry, he is worth 50 Gureagis any day. I am afraid he has been losing his

sleep. Has he had any acon?
Has the Opium relieved your diarrhea entirely? Gels. is a good remedy for diarrhea caused by mental emotions as yours often is. Opium is I know a good remedy for you in every way.

This has been written at intervals, and carried back & forth in my pocket with the expectation of finishing it here or on 34th st. Forgive me but I have been suffering with Diarrhea for more than a week. It is not bad but weakening. Have been unusually busy also & so could not take the requisite rest. Neglected myself at first. Am now in the Drs. hands. Mrs. Dr. Burritt. who kindly

21 W. 35th St. N.Y.
Oct. 6. 1878.

Dear little Sister;

I am permitted to enclose a few lines in thy husband's letter. Your dear little boy gave a great deal of pleasure. Hope you will get another one some day. I had a letter from Anna today in which she says you have been sick again. Don't let's give up Lizzie, I think a dose or two or three of Quinine will do you good now. You have always felt better after it, and then in a few days back

a couple of cases of China,
"Night & Morning."

You don't know how pleased Miss G. was with your dear little pen. She had never had a gold pen before. You see how nicely she writes with it.

I am so glad you have gone to [illegible]. I hope you will enjoy it. We are having delightful weather, pretty cool now, about as it was at home when I was there. How is it with you now? Have the flowers all gone yet. Our neighbors were getting in some of theirs yesterday.

Those flowers I brought, O those flowers! what comfort they have given us! The

little forget-me-nots grow two inches in water. Your brother-in-law said they crept way down in her heart. She said she had never seen such a splendid collection of ashes.

What is the matter of that twin brother of mine, that he does not answer my letters. I have written him once, twice, but no reply. Shall try the third time and then stop or possibly storm him so severely with letters that he will be glad to write saying "stop"! How is that darling Baby? Wish I could have seen it.

Good bye Darling with bushels of love from your May.

311 W 35th St. N.Y.
Sat. Dec. 13/73

Dearest Little Sister:

Can you, will you, do you forgive me? So glad was I to get your dear good letter, and here several days have elapsed without a reply!! O, dear! dear!! what is to become of such a dilatory creature! I believe I have thought of you every day & many times a day since coming from home, but what is the good of that, if I don't write & tell you of it? How many times this fall have I thought of the

weeks you were with me. & how much I enjoyed ~~it~~ your company. You spoiled me then, & I have never been able to roam alone since. We take lots of comfort now, Will & G. & I. and often say we do not think there is a happier couple in N. Y. Bye & bye I hope to have some of my sisters with me. Have you ever read the life of Alice & Phebe Cary? We have been reading it. Borrowed the book of Mrs. Tompkins. It is very interesting. They came to N. Y. & had a pretty tough time of it at first. Mrs. Tompkins is making over my cloth dress. I have been having it dyed black. It will make a beautiful dress again. You will have

Suit
dress for best which she is
going to make. With these she
will be comfortable for the
winter. I want dreadfully
to get me a Muff but don't
know yet whether I can
afford it. I saw a very pretty
Alaska Muff today for [illegible]
I shall have. My cloth dress
made with no trimming except
velvet cuffs & buttons. pockets
the same with velvet cording
the velvet will freshen it.
There was no trimming on it
before. The other, ~~drap de~~
"drap d'ete" is also to be
made plain with cuffs & ruff
of the same. Polonaise just
hemmed. You see I thought
I would put my money in
the goods. Lace of course
would be nice but it
will be elegant made plain,

shall have a train skirt
on my new dress. Arranged
to be shortened for street
wear. Won't it be nice?
I will enclose a piece.
It was $2.50 per yard.
double width. very nice.
[illegible] bought me a felt hat
for a dollar, a very nice one
too. will line it with a
strip of velvet. then with
& silk
ribbon from my summer bonnet
& feather from last winter
a little velvet if I can
scrape some up. I expect it
will do. O, I have a buckle
from my last winter's cloak
which will go on somewhere.
Buckles are very fashionable.
We had the first nice

[illegible]

Will answer Pa's letter soon. Mama very well & am doing well at present.

N. Y. Dec. 7/78

My Dear Little Sister:

My Darling little Sister. I was glad when your letter came right here. I send you a necktie just like mine! & think when you wear it, you will feel very fine!! A small bow in the middle, ends reaching to your waist, will all think you're dressed in very good taste!!

I send you some Med. to take in the Morn. & hope

after taking it, you'll not feel forlorn! It will cheer up your spirits, and make you feel bright, & then you may sing from morning till night.—

I have not seen any nice lace to get, I do have not bought that article yet? But it will be coming some bright winter day. & then you will feel O, ever so gay!! I wish you would send me a new Knitting Machine, for whenever I use this, I feel my gram!!

For the lines will *not* come out all the same length, though I turn the old crank with all my strength! "O, dear, what sorry metre", I'm afraid you will cry, and then you'll be ashamed of poor little I.

O well, never mind, I may do better next time, writing a miserable scrawl is not so wonderful a crime! Other people do it, & still they live on, & sometimes the old scrawl gives a little bit of fun. Not that I think this is funny O, no, not at all. If I thought so my pride might have a downfall.

But I know you'll excuse this, being written in haste, although it does not seem in very good taste.

I know you will take it all in good part, and accept the true love that comes warm from my heart. My husband would join me in sending a kiss and love to my dear little Sister Sis. but she's at the College. So I send what is here our united love with hearty good cheer.

Good bye now My Darling. I must hurry to school & teach my dear girls to dissect by rule.

Lovingly May.

316 W. 35th St. N.Y.
Dec. 23. 1873.

Dear Little Sister;

Forgive me for not answering your last sooner. I felt as if I must write to John. Sent him a letter of two sheets last week. Have you heard from him again?

The news certainly startled me very much indeed. Was almost unable to attend to my duties for one day, but at night thought of acorn. which you know is so good for a mental or physical shock. Took some on retiring & slept till soon waked about 1 then took

another dose & was thus
saved from a sleepless night.
I was myself perfectly astonished
at the effect. Have you all
taken some? How is Little
John Eddie? Give him my
love & sympathy. Does he
go to school every day? I do
so want to make a Doctor of
him. Should so much like
to have him in my office.

I am getting along very
nicely both with my class &
in practice. It is much easier
for me at the Coll. than ever
before, & my practice is increasing
& improving, that is, in a
money point of view. Tell
Ma that. I am keeping
my head above water, and
am very comfortable, and I
think that is pretty well
for these panic times. How

is Father doing? I am afraid the times are treating him pretty shabbily, judging from the results on cover of last Com. I wish I could send him thirty dollars every Month, but must wait awhile for that.

Times are very hard in New York. Most every body is complaining (excepting myself!)

Mrs. R. J. J. says I will have to write to Father to omit sending the two Nos. for which she was going to try & get subscribers in place of the two who had given it up. She has failed in her efforts. Mr. Jones is very feeble. I was in on Sat. He was dressed that day for the first time in two weeks. His face is about as small as Father's & you know that is a great change for him.

Please write how you felt after your last Meal

New York is putting on her Holiday dress. It is really worth while to pass down Broadway to see the pretty windows. I just wish I had <u>piles</u> of Money so I could get lots of nice things to send home. What are the children going to have?

We had quite a flurry of snow this P.M. the first we have had in a long time. We have had a <u>very</u> <u>mild</u> winter so far. Wonder if you are all covered up head & ears with the beautiful Mantle of Winter!! How I should enjoy a sleigh ride! Eddie wrote me that they had had sleighing I think since the 12th of Nov. We have had none yet. Good Night Darling. Husband joins me in love to all. It is twenty minutes past ten & I must Stop.

Wish you all a Happy Christmas & a Happy New Year!!

322 W. 34th [illegible]
[illegible]

Darling Little Sister,
I [illegible] talked
with our good Dr. [illegible]
yesterday & he thinks the
change in your symptoms
very favorable. The [illegible]
"Sister" was almost the
first thing & was [illegible]
with my whole. So darling
keep up good heart, we will
all work together. Treat
yourself well with [illegible]
& cream, & all the fresh
meat you can eat. [illegible]
two 3 or 4 hours, sleep [illegible]

reference to meals. if you can take it without getting tired of it. Whenever you have that bad feeling in your head, lie down & be quiet & have something warm to your feet & hands if you can. I think you can ward off many of your bad symptoms thus. How did you get along after I left you on Tues.? I was with you in spirit much of the day. I rushed back. Pretty well while at home so I shall rest awhile now & then work.

Take Acon. if frightened or anxious.

Puls. if you feel like crying.

Cham. if indignant.

Flour immediately on [illegible] to them

of disaster. [illegible] of [illegible]
which of [illegible] [illegible] much
[illegible] [illegible] with
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

433 W. 34th St.
N. Y. Oct. 18th /[illegible]

My Darling Little Sister;

It is near ten o'clock & I must think of putting myself between the sheets pretty soon, but cannot go to bed without telling you what a nice visit I have had this evening from Mr. & Mrs. Milbank. We had just a good old fashioned visit, such as we have at home, chatting looking over stereoscopic views &c. &c. How we did wish you were here. They enquired ver

How do you like my welsh [illegible]. Good night now dearie. It is half past ten & Mother would say that it was time for me to go to bed. Went [illegible] to Mrs. Jones' this P.M. & we had oysters together. She [illegible] with [illegible] in [illegible]

kindly for you? what do you suppose she said about you just think now a compliment. She said you were so nice, just like a May Flower all the time! Now dont you feel better after that? Somehow or other Sis. you seemed to impress these New Yorkers in a very friendly way. One thing is certain, you have some very warm friends here, & it is exceedingly pleasant for me to have them ask so affectionately for you. Did I tell you that Mr. McCullough & Miss Ross called on me one evening, we had a very pleasant time. They both wished to be remembered very kindly. They were glad to hear that Wm. was better. They are to be married tomorrow. I saw Mr.

Hamilton today in Mr. [illegible]'s
store. Anna will remember
him. He has been home this
summer & has returned looking
much stronger & appears more
social & easy. Called on
Mrs. Fox today. The baby is
having an arm at last.
Vaccinated her 8 days since
& her arm looks beautifully.
She is getting to be quite stout.
Mrs. F. has been quite poorly & I
visit her about twice a week
now. I vaccinated Mrs.
Brock's baby today. Called
this P. M. on Mrs. Biggs, but
found her out. Had quite a visit
with Mr. Biggs Mother & the
baby. Do you remember the
Harrisons who tried to cheat
you ??? ! Well I met Mrs.
H. near her house with the
baby on her arm the other

I bought me a new [illegible] scarf for 66 cts. It is of a standard &
is a good quality, not very stylish but good enough.

day, & she walked along with
me & came in. We had a
very pleasant chat, & the
baby had a nice nap. How
I should like to take the
little thing in hand. It
is very delicate. They have
their old family doctor,
(allopathic) still. ('Tis no
pleasant to get acquainted.)
What did you think of the
note on coming of Sarah's
letter sent tonight! (came
yet "S.A.&P." 2nd"). What I
meant was that it was
directed to the office so that
the Marriage should get there
in time for next No. & then if
Sarah was in [illegible] the other
could be sent to her. 25th [illegible],

433 W. 34th St.
N. York. Oct 27/85

Darling Little Sister;

How I wish you could just "crawl into my lap" so that we could have a little cozy cooing time! Your nice letter came yesterday, just in time to save me from actual starvation! You don't know how hungry I was for a letter! They have been like angels visits, few & very far between, and just as sweet when they did come. Jennie's card was very

just like you want I suppose. Jennie has the kind that I think. I ought not to complain of not hearing letters from home so long as I am Mother one! Then come soon. Give much love with a kiss to ... Did you really think that rhyming was fit for the ...? Did Lewis think so, now really? Mr. McCullagh & bride have taken a flat almost opposite me, "424." I went with her to look for rooms & we found this place, which Mr. McC. liked & took that evening. I delivered your congratulations to her but not to him as I have not seen him since ...

... of ... with ... kisses ... welcome ... or some Bologna ...

welcome, It was I suppose intended to ~~sharpen~~ stay my appetite, but it only served to sharpen it! — Don't think from this whine, that I am losing in flesh, O, No, indeed!! but the affectional part of my nature is what is growing leanl! I do miss you all very much, there is no mistake about it: but I have a great many things to make life happy. My little home is so nice & cozy, patients & friends are pleasant & kind, and once in a while I have ~~an~~ a message from home. We are having a delightful fall. The other day I went with Mr. & Mrs. Griffill to the Park. Had a very fine time & gathered some autumn

leaves which are bursting under
the abdomen & back of the deer.
I have made a bouquet of those
flowers, which we arranged in
the basket, for one of the large
vases, also a little one for the
bouquet holder. They look very
pretty. I want to get something
now for the other vase.
Perhaps autumn leaves.
(There was no ~~flowers~~ room for the basket)
Katie P. was in ~~last~~ yesterday
for medicine for toothache. I
read a part of your letter. It
pleased her very much. She
said, "If she only had the
"Baby" here, she could squeeze
& squeeze & squeeze her till
their language failed them, &
I could not help smiling
at her earnestness.
~~Her death~~ Katie felt very badly
to hear that Mr. Prichard

was so poorly. "O, dear,
O dear, said she, I am
so sorry!" Mr. Scott always
enquires for news from
home whenever I see him,
especially about Miss Cynthia.
I have told my friends that
I thought perhaps Anna
would come down & stay
with me a few weeks to
get a little rest, Am I
right in my hopes? I have
not seen Mrs. Jones since
her niece's wedding. She
did not expect to return till
tomorrow I believe. She
would like to go up this fall,
& I should go, I am going to
try & persuade her to go anyway
It will be difficult for me to go
now, but I'll not say yet that
I give it up entirely. Good
bye darling, good bye, I send

433 W. 34th St
N.Y. Nov. 6/1:75

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take this. The name is Viburnum Opulus, a vegetable. Now darling, you may take Ign. & Puls. just the same if they are needed, as this is low & will not interfere. Perhaps we will think best to continue it through the next menstrual period with the Puls. We will see. If you feel the need of Mil. of Sil. this will not interfere, only I meant we might omit it unless especially called for, but take this right along.

Have had a little trouble in getting it, hence the delay. Am sorry, but hope you kept well & Ign. What kind of a flow did you have this last time? The girls do not mention. Have you had much headache lately?

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I have been having a little cold for two or three days & today my running nose, headache & thirst make me think of Ars. So I just got a glass, prepared the Med. & put myself on it. Don't I take good care of myself?
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my desk & the window & put the plants on it. I am getting to be quite a cook have stewed Mutton, stewed beef, boiled beef, & boiled eggs. So there!! weigh 120½ with my heavy dress & sack.

Good bye darling, good bye. It is nearly nine two hours since but maybe if I put this in the box it will be taken & carried to the 10 o'clock train & go tonight –

Good bye good bye, love to all. Tell Frank I am writing to him –

lovingly lovingly
un des –
Mary

433 W. 34th St.
N. Y. Oct. 18th /[illegible]

My Darling Little Sister;

It is near ten o'clock & I must think of putting myself between the sheets pretty soon, but cannot go to bed without telling you what a nice visit I have had this evening from Mr. & Mrs. Milbank. We had just a good old fashioned visit, such as we have at home, chatting looking over stereoscopic views &c. &c. How we did wish you were here. They enquired ver

How do you like my welsh [illegible]? Good night to [illegible] dearie. It is half past ten & mother would say that it was time for me to go to bed. [illegible] [illegible] to Mrs. Jones' this P.M. I [illegible] had a [illegible] together. [illegible] [illegible] condole with each other [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

kindly for you? what do you suppose she said about you just think now a compliment?! She said you were so nice, just like a May Flower all the time. Now don't you feel better after that? Somehow or other, Eliz. you seemed to impress these New Yorkers in a very friendly way. One thing is certain, you have some very warm friends here, & it is exceedingly pleasant for me to have them ask so affectionately for you. Did I tell you that Mr. McCulloch & Miss Ross called on me one evening. We had a very pleasant time. They both wished to be remembered very kindly. They were glad to hear that Wm. was better. They are to be married tomorrow. I saw Mr.

Hamilton today in Mr. ...'s store. Anna will remember him. He has been home this summer & has returned looking much stronger & appears more social & easy. Called on Mrs. Fox today. The baby is having an arm at last. Vaccinated her 8 days since & her arm looks beautifully. She is getting to be quite stout. Mrs. F. has been quite hearty & I visit her about twice a week now. I vaccinated Mrs. Brook's baby today. Called this P. M. on Mrs. Beggs, but found her out. Had quite a visit with Mrs. Beggs Mother & the baby. Do you remember the Harrison's who lived two doors from 333? Well I met Mrs. H. near her house with the baby in her arms the other

I bought me a new stereoscope for 66 cts. It is a standard & a good glass, not very stylish but good enough.

day, & she walked along with me & came in. We had a very pleasant chat, & the baby had a nice nap. How I should like to take the little thing in hand. It is so delicate. They have their old family doctor, (allopathic) still. It is very pleasant to get acquainted. What did you think of the note or one of Sarah's letter sent tonight! "Care of "S. A. & R." 2nd". What I meant was that it was directed to the office so that the Marriage should get there in time for next No. & then if Sarah was in yet the other could be sent to her. Isn't it clear?

433 W. 34th St.
N. York. Oct 27/85

Darling little sister;

How I wish you could just crawl into my lap so that we could have a little cozy cooing time! Your nice letter came yesterday, just in time to save me from actual starvation! You dont know how hungry I was for a letter.! They have been like angels visits, few & very far between, and just as sweet when they did come. Jennie's card was very

or some Butterine also just till you want. Agnes also

Jennie has the kind thing I think. I ought not to complain of not having letters from home so long as I am Mother one! Glenn's come soon. Give own much love with a kiss to ... Did you really think that rhyming was fit for the ... Did Lewis think so. How really!

Mr. McCullagh & bride have taken a floor almost opposite me "424," I went with her to look for rooms & we found this place, which Mr. McC. liked & took that evening. I delivered your congratulations to her but not to him as I have not seen him since, ...

welcome, It was I suppose intended to ~~sharpen~~ stay my appetite, but it only served to sharpen it!— Don't think from this whine, that I am losing in flesh, O, No, indeed!! but the affectional part of my nature is what is growing lean!! I do miss you all very much, there is no mistake about it. but I have a great many things to make life happy. My little home is so nice & cozy, patients & friends are pleasant & kind, and once in a while I have ~~an~~ a message from home. We are having a delightful fall. The other day I went with Mr. & Mrs. Griffith to the Park. Had a very fine time & gathered some autumn

leaves which are bursting under the Monument & back of the den. Have made a bouquet of these flowers, which we arranged in the basket, for one of the large vases, also a little one for the bouquet holder. They look very pretty. I want to get something now for the other vase. Perhaps autumn leaves.
(There was no room for the basket) Katie P. was in ~~last~~ yesterday for medicine for toothache. I read a part of your letter. It pleased her very much. She said, "If she only had the "baby" here, she could squeeze & squeeze & squeeze her till____ (an language failed them, & I could not help smiling at her earnestness.
~~Mrs Smith~~ Katie felt very badly to hear that Mr. Prichard

was so poorly. "O, dear, O dear, said she, I am so sorry!" Mr. Scott always enquires for news from home whenever I see him, specially about Miss Cynthia. I have told my friends that I thought perhaps Susie would come down & stay with me a few weeks to get a little rest, am I right in my hopes? I have not seen Mrs. Jones since her niece's wedding. She did not expect to return till tomorrow I believe. She would like to go up this fall, & if I should go, I am going to try & persuade her to go again. It will be difficult for me to go now, but I'll not say yet that I give it up entirely. Good bye darling, good bye, I send

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need of Milk of Sil. this will
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Lovingly lovingly
your Sis.
Mary

New York Jan. 27th/76

Little Sister;

I know you would rather have a wee little letter than none at all, so here goes. — Your dear little card says, "John writes short, but, cheerful letters. Please do the same"! Now, have you special reference to the shortness, the [butness?] or the other thing! I will try to do as well as I can!! I wish you could see the beautiful Motto, that I had presented to me the other evening by Sarah Campbell Mrs. Brooks little girl. Sarah

your letter as well as several pieces where [illegible] took part one [illegible] was a song, one with [illegible] Scene, led by Mr. Jones. Do you remember him? He knows Uncle Lewis' family in [illegible]. The [basement?] was filled with tables and the refreshments were beautiful. The whole thing was a complete success. Every one enjoyed it & they made a considerable, I do not know just how much!!! [illegible]

Good bye, good bye as this letter [illegible]

remember the Brooks
family? One of My babies
is at their house. Well,
this Motto is "Home, Sweet
Home. worked on perforated
board about the size of
the one Anna worked
"Love One Another". It is
worked in shaded crimson
and the fixings around, what
do they call them? are in
shaded green, perf. board
white, with silver paper
back of it to shine & shangle
through. They framed it
and bought it all complete
I have it over the Mantle
Sarah thought the light
would shine best on it
there showing the shines
the silver behind. It is
very pretty indeed. One
lady said to me, Doesn't

Tell Mina to stuff up the goose properly.

to make you feel homesick!
I told her "No, it made me
think of my home in this
country to be sure, and
of my having a home here
too. Did I tell you
of my having a ticket to
Dr. Lord's lectures? I enjoy
them very much. Today
the subject was Charlemagne
Next Monday it will be
Mahommed. Tell Ma
there is a dear little
welsh woman who comes
to see me once in a while
who is just three days younger
than she. If Mrs. Jones (you
remember her) lives till
next May 11th she will be
79 years old. & if Ma lives
till May 8th she will be
79 also. She sends her
love to Mother. She has

Tell some of the good people up there to see if this [illegible]
gone astray. If any thing, I should like to [illegible] mind.

had four Mute children
they are neither of them
living. A daughter of
one of the sons, also a
Mute 17 years old is visiting
her now. She is attending
the Institution for the Mutes
but as they have typhoid
Fever there now she is
away. She is learning
to talk! I did not know
before that they could learn
but they teach them there!
I havent told you of the
tea party at 11th St. We
had a delightful time.
Mrs. Jones. I call her
Mrs. J. No. 2. went in
my charge, and how she
did enjoy it! They had
speaches and singing &
recitations then singing
& singing solos, duetts, and

Tell Sarah I thank her very much for those verses. Did she not write them for me? I think they are beautiful. Several of my friends have requested a copy. Tell Jessie I did not mean that little scrap as an answer to her letter but it was the best I could get off just then. Tell Br. Will to be patient, his letter will come by & bye. I had to wait a dreadfully long while for mine. Thank [illegible] for such a lot of news as he sent. Love & [illegible]

[illegible] 7th 1876

Darling Little Sister:

It is high time for me to put my head under my wing, seek the perch, & retire for the night, but I do want a little chat with you before having a snooze. We had a pleasant time with our commencement. I thought it rained so hard you could not come of course, and a great many others were afflicted in the same way, leaving us with rather a thin audience. Good Dr. Lil made a very good address. Centennial, most of it. Near the close he said that the propriety of having

having women physicians) was -illbut (or something to that effect) that he had watched those who had gone out from these college walls with a sort of paternal pride & he was happy to say that they have proved themselves not only an honor to womanhood, but also to the *profession*. Was not that a pretty thing for him to say? At the close of the exercises I thanked him for his kind remarks about the former graduates. "O," said he, "*I didn't mean you*." "No, I supposed not," was my reply, "but I appropriated it all." He starts for his trip to California next week. The young physicians will miss him.

What does Fannie think of the Centennial? I hope to

go. Have had my cashmere
made, have also got me a hat,
a veil & a pair of shoes the past
month. Today I have been
having my room cleaned by a
patient. She wanted to do some-
thing in return for medicine.
It is a great comfort for me
to have it done so nicely. Mrs.
Cunningham is also washing for
me in the same way & that is a comfort. Mrs.
Fagio gave me a pair of Moccasins
the other day & they are ever so
comfortable, & will be my nice
to slip in my pocket & put on when
I have to be up nights. That does
not come very often. Don't you
think I have lots of friends? I
certainly have a good many
presents. Now dearie, what
have you to say? I have been
rattling away at such a rate, all
about myself & my interests!

Now you say something —
Ahem, there! didn't I keep
quiet quite a long while? Now
I want to tell you something
else. Dr. Helmuth had a
surgical operation at the Coll.
the other day, the removal of
an ovarian tumor & I am
preparing it to be exhibited at
the next meeting of county society
I must write a description to
be read either by myself or
some one else! so I am trying
my prettiest! I wonder how
many I's there are in this letter!
Hope it will not give you
sore eyes to read it. Good
bye dearest, good bye all, &
one of these days, let me hear
your side of the question
Mary

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]:

[illegible] of the [illegible] attack
which you had soon after the
other, is not the discouraging
kind. Your symptoms are
changing & favorably I think. I
would advise you to continue
the [illegible] & [illegible] right along
but as it [illegible] you have found
[illegible] in menstruation, & if you
find it necessary to throw in
an occasional dose of Puls. you
can do so, it will not interfere,
but do not omit the others.
Ignatia does not come in
amiss once in a while.
I think your report altogether
since I left is very favorable.
So cheer up dearest,
Your brother [illegible] [illegible]

great deal of [illegible] [illegible]
making a [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Hymes Heights.
[illegible] ([illegible]
(Charlotte's father,) called
Mrs. He is attending lect[illegible]
at [illegible] College. [illegible]
enjoyed his call very much.
& [illegible] seemed to enjoy it as well.
Mrs. Hymes & Mrs. Hughes
Have inquired for you also
your [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]
Write as often as you feel
disposed but do not overtax
yourself my dear. Have a good time
be as jolly as possible. and now
Good bye with ever so Much
love from

Your loving sister
[illegible] Mary.

for my dear little Sis. —

O. I must tell you what my little patient Kittie said to me the other day. She told me how her father in his sleep started up & began to pound the wall, waking the rest of the family in a fright. Said she, I heard him in my fingers!! Little Darling, she is so cunning, & her rose bud mouth is so sweet.

Her little brother 7 years old had Scarlet fever when he was a baby & has always been sickly since. & not nearly so bright as his sister. I have had him in hand this winter & he has grown strong & healthy & as keen & bright as you please. I am just as proud of him as can be. O, another thing I must whisper in your ear. don't tell the rest. I was fixed up so nicely a comment given that some of my friends did not know me. cause I looked so pretty!!!+ One thought I was about 18 years old!!!!!!!+

Sis, Sis. I send you a kiss—

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F. E. DOUGHTY, M. D.,

Sec'y, pro tem.

Sis Darling; I send you a powder to take in the morning after receiving it. - When you feel the premonitions of which you speak take Gels. in water every 2 or 3 hours or oftener if you think best. Gels is also the thing for diarrhea from depressing emotion. After your hard attacks take Puls. for the headache I think I warded off the attacks a great deal that summer I was at home, with Gels. - Keep cheery! Darling!! you know we have all had our times of being sick and laid up. & then after a while brighter days came. Just look at me Now! & consider what a good for nothing chick I was a few years ago!! I am having quite a cold now for a few days. Am some better tonight. Dr. F. visited my patients for me yesterday & today. Good bye darling & Good bye with hug & a kiss

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New York July 1

Dear Little Sis;

I send you my phys. i dear, I am afraid that is not spelled rightly, but is there not such a word as Physiognomy? Well it is something like that. What do you think of it? You may take your choice of the three (if there is any) & give the others to Sister Jane & Brother William I have just written to Frankie & enclosed one to him. Shall write soon to Eddie & Mate. You see

having been so many years
without having impressed
my face on paper, I am
anxious to take a flying visit
with it to my friends
as soon as possible. I
want to know what they
think of it. -

Have been very busy
since my return or should
have written oftener.
How are you all? How
I should love to spend
tomorrow with you!! I
have but one office hour
on the Sabbath, that is
from 5 to 6 P.M. So you
see I might have most
my whole day with you.

I have been studying
Uncs. case & think veratum
alb would help him.
Will send some in this

lest you have none.
Will send Sarah's book &
Medicines as soon as I
can.
This must be a short
letter. Hope I can
write again soon.
With bushels of love
to all
Your loving Sister
Mary.

Friday. Sep. 18.

Dear Sister Cynthia:

You have probably received the postal card Mary sent telling of our safe arrival in this great city. I was relieved, you may be sure, to meet her at the depot Monday evening, as it had grown quite dark, some time before we reached here. I have done little else but rest since I came here — Tuesday I was too tired to care to go out, and since then it has been raining nearly all the time — so I shall have an opportunity to get pretty thoroughly rested before going

out to see the sights. Eddie
has not commenced going to
school yet, but will go Monday
I think. He goes to Mr Scott's
shoe store every day, and seems
to enjoy that. Tuesday Mr. S.
was going over near the Central
Park, and offered to take Eddie
with him - he went and had
a splendid time, I should
think - saw the animals &c at
the Park, which was a great treat
to him. Mary has a beautiful
house. I wish you could see
it - every ~~is~~ so pleasant and
convenient. She has a pleasant
family of boarders, but so many
Doctors among them, it is almost
enough to frighten a body into
being sick. There are ~~eight~~ of
us in the family at present,
~~besides the~~ three ~~three~~ are Mr. D.s, and

one medical student. There was but one gentleman in the house before we came, and he seemed quite pleased to have a reinforcement on his side of the house, if only a small one. We went to look at clothes for John Eddie day before yesterday, (the only time I have been on the street) we found a very pretty suit for eleven dollars - Eddie was not with us so we could not purchase them then. Must go again today or tomorrow. Mary is expecting two new boarders today - ladies, they will room together, and will pay $30 a week for room and board but do not expect to stay but two or three weeks, I think. She does not care to have so many boarders.

[illegible] all [illegible]
of permanently [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
she will take care of
[illegible] Shall [illegible]
[illegible] new [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

letter [illegible]

[illegible]

also [illegible]
[illegible]

Take a dose of Aconite all around. Hattie's sitting up for a [illegible] evening, [illegible] this morning, then [illegible] see the effect.

Gorm. Wed eve

My dear little Sisters;- You may be sure that my heart was with you all that night. The thunder and lightening were almost incessant here, but not very near. I have been very anxious to hear how Anna endured the storm. Cheer up my darling, Did you take any Aconite? I left some with you and will send some in this. I will also send some Pulsatilla for [illegible] this sister.- Eddie was sick last night and has been at the store but very little today.- He has had an attack of diarrhea. Is much better tonight.- He looks very feeble and ought to be out of the store for awhile but hardly knows how to do so. If he were as well as usual I should go to Utica tomorrow so as to see

you and help you home, as
well as to see the other patients.
We'll see how it will be in
the morning. I hope Anna
will be feeling better before
this reaches you. The looseness
of her bowels is favorable
though it makes her weak
but she must favor herself
and not exercise too much.
It was very oppressive
here before the rain, but
is much pleasanter now.
Eddie's diarrhea was relieved
by Sulphur. It had the characteristic
of being urgent, hurried, driving
out of bed in morning. I have
not felt very well for a day or
two & Sulph. has relieved me.
I wish I could take you
all under my wing and make
you all well and keep you
so. Good bye darlings. May kind
angels watch over you and the eye
of our Heavenly Father ever follow you.
Lovingly, your loving sister Mary.

Dear Little Sister;

As this letter is too heavy for one stamp & not heavy enough for two I think I may as well put in a little more of love to you. Your friend Miss Snow at Mr. Gregory's sends love; the Cole girls, and every body; I can't now think of all ~~now~~. Katie Russell called the other evening, & was ever so much pleased with hearing your letter, I gave her one of the geranium leaves which she said she would keep in her prayer book. I pleased her very much. She says she must come here some evening & have me write a letter to some of you. She was glad to hear that Mr. "Pritchard" was a little better. Katie Hughes called last evening

I am so so comfortable here. The grate fire is ever so cheerful. Good bye darling. How are you now? I want to hear ever so much. How I would like to pick other apples. I suppose it is about time now. Shall I not come & give you a lift? Does John Edd go to school. I will write him but cards as there is no room in this.

She too wanted to hear your letter & cards. She sends a great deal of love. Mrs Biggs new baby is growing nicely. I must call there soon. Mr Scott wants to be remembered ever & ever so much every time I see him. He has missed his home very much, but is getting wonted some. Misses Mc C. & H. do not enjoy their new place very much. Last Fri. eve on their return home Mr. Mc C. found his new overcoat & vest missing! The landlady said that she let a room to a gentleman that day who stayed a few hours. & went out promising to return soon with trunks &c but never after made his appearance! Isn't it too bad? She promises to make up the loss. Sat with him & Miss H. at Dr. Taylors last evening & they walked part way home with me.

Mon. C.H. [illegible]

My dear little Sister;

I mailed you a letter early this [illegible] [illegible] I must send you another [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] your cold. I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it is quite cool. [illegible] buy a flannel wrap [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] flannel and make you pair of drawers. [illegible] dress will be cool to have on.

Mr. & Mrs. Warren didn't call. so it would have availed nothing if we had

come. I wrote you from
Phila. and again this
morning but directed to
[illegible] care Mrs Lizzie [illegible]
[illegible] with the 2 Jersey.
[illegible] you will get both. [illegible]
I had a good time in
Phila. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] thought [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]!! [illegible]
to make [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].
Take this powder of [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 2 [illegible]
[illegible] throat [illegible]
[illegible] take the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] cold
[illegible] having [illegible]

such a grand good time,
Stay as long as you choose,
that is so long as you
are enjoying [illegible]. If you
do not get better, why
you get [illegible] & [illegible]
and see you. [illegible]
[illegible] let me know
[illegible] done [illegible]
[illegible] about me
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mrs Bradley [illegible]
[illegible] M [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] words [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
feeling most refreshed
by my trip. [illegible]
dearest Accept [illegible]
from your loving [illegible]
and share it with [illegible]
[illegible]. Kiss Kiss
Mary.

Put a wet cloth around
your throat, — and wrap up
Put your same flannels
if you can,

Much love to all the friends. [illegible]
Lots of love [illegible]

Nov. 21

316 W. 35th St. ~~Dec. 2~~

My dear little Sis,

Your letter & kiss came promptly to hand, in this far off land this very afternoon when I was out by my own. Making calls on the sick, the poor & the rich. Did you think that my rhymes make you cry at times! I think they are nice & are made in a trice. O, dear, what a blunder I have made up yonder! I thought I was December when it's only November!! My husband's gone to bed; & he thinks I'm out of my head, quite struck with the Muse, & he don't know which to choose; let me sit up all night or have a good fight. We did have a fight on a certain night, & I threw her out of bed most out his head.

& she lay on the floor in close
proximity to the door, for quarter of an
hour, I felt rather sour. The cause
of all this my dear little Sis.
was that each wished the other
to have the best place. As in our
morning I won the race & jumped to bed
on the hardest side ~~thus~~ ~~rousing~~ I roused the
wrath? of my darling bride (& no husband!)
Thus the quarrel began & great was the
laughter & so on & so on to the end of
the chapter.

My Machine don't work well
You could hardly ~~tell~~ know. what's
the Metre of this, it limps so.
Wouldn't you like my Machine!
P'raps would work better, there
in the country you know, where
'twould get fresh air.

Good night my dear, I'll try to write
better sense on the other side
of this paper fence.

My dearest little sister; I think your report is not as favorable, as your attacks are certainly lighter though for a few days more frequent. perhaps because you were watching for the effects of the new medicine, then I will send a few more, for you to have with you & take when you feel the symptoms of an attack coming on if it gives sufficient warning. If you are feeling better after leaving them off wait awhile with nothing.

I am glad to hear you say that you don't give up yet! Neither do I. We'll stick to it Sis, keep up your courage!! Others have got well, & why may not you? Keep cheery, & think of other things as much as you can. How is your general health? I am glad you have had a visit with cousin Thomas. wish I could have seen him. Does he intend to make his home in

America. Mrs. Fennie has
ere this read my last, containing
what she was inquiring for in
this last. It also contained love
to Sarah. I believe, or was it in the
previous one that I wrote to her?
I have been extremely busy the
last week, but am beginning to take
my health. Did you have a good
time on thanksgiving, or were you
too busy with Ben? We have
a chicken & mince pie presented
to us by our landlady. She is a
jewel of a woman. Have I told
you her name?. Mrs. Gilson.
I have not seen Pierce or Um-
yet, but as Lennie's letter was
mailed in N.Y. I concluded that
it was brought by them. Shall
be glad to see them. Is Eddie
coming down again this fall? How is
Sarah getting along? Good night darling
May.

361 W. 24th St. Oct.

My dear little sister;

Who would have thought it, & who would have believed it, that I should have been two weeks in N. Y. & only two letters home either. I meant(?) to storm you with letters there, well that's one of my(?) [illegible]. That's the way some people do. I have been very busy of course & that's my only excuse. My little Scarlet fever case is doing finely. I hope her little sister is not going to have it. We have given her a dose of Bell. once a day to ward it off. & she [illegible] measles yet.

What is the prospect for fruit? Are you going to get any from anywhere? It is very abundant here & in western part of State. Thank you for the sack. Called for it day before yesterday or Saturday rather. Nellie is pretty well but thin. Has Anna had any Lachesis lately? I am afraid she is working too hard. It won't pay!! How does she get along with her Music scholars? How is Sarah &c.? [illegible] Good bye, take good care of yourself [illegible] your loving sister May

4 [illegible] have you ever suffered with Bay lea?

My love to Lewis' folks. Have [illegible]

before I forget I will [illegible] tell
you to tell Father to change
the address of Mr. Lewis
Thomas' Cov. from 384 [illegible]
N.Y. to 256 Henderson St.
near 12th Jersey City. They have
moved to be near the Mill
which he owns & which he &
Tommy are running over there.
I went over to see them
yesterday in company with
Linnie who had remained
with her cousin Lizzie since
Sunday. Tommy has been
suffering since 7 weeks with
Rheumatism. Has had two
physicians, & taken a number
of hot baths with no benefit.
Says if what he has just
commenced & which seems
to do him a little good does
not cure him. I may have

this first chance that If I had been here I should have had the first trial. It was a clear case of Rhus tox at first - & I do not doubt that a few doses would have cured him. I do not know but it will be sufficient now, we shall see, if this that he is trying now does not cure him. Mr. Edwards of Durham was taken in the same way a little while before I went home & Rhus set him right speedily. Tommys may be more stubborn of course. Cousin Mary sends a great deal of love to all especially to Cynthia says she is more acquainted with her. I gave her the white daisy also the verbena but I dont think that will

I had it. Mr. [illegible] wants Father & Mother & [illegible] to come visit [illegible] told him he ought to be [illegible] effect Father to come when he so much younger [illegible] to make a visit last summer they send "sofia" & al.

Her father & Mother are pretty well. My [illegible] also My little brother John. How is [illegible] Something [illegible] that [illegible] friends [illegible] wonder [illegible] suffer [illegible] is [illegible] some [illegible] had [illegible]

grow. Dr. Barnes has some
of the "forget me not," also Mrs. Davis
& Mrs. Dr. Drummond. With my
little Scarlet fever case, My fatigue,
uncertainty about boarding place
& everything, I neglected to see to
them for several days & do fear
the others will not grow. We
are petting the Bee plant, but
it looks pretty drooping. Your
friends all enquire very much
for you. Did not send your
present to Mrs. Byrnes baby till
last night. Told her one day that
you had sent something which I
had forgotten to bring down with
me. She seemed much pleased
to have her little girl remembered
you ought to see her, she is so
cute! Mrs. Hughes is about the same, as when I left looks pretty well.

little sister: I was mean to have to direct the letter to you & then write inside to Jennie, but you know it is all the same. & Now as there is something I forgot to mention & the other sheet is full I will tell this to you [illegible] her sheet. Now don't tell every body, but let me whisper it softly. I had a circular this morning from somebodys in Phila. who are going to get up a Biographical Encyclopedia of Homoeopathic Physicians & Surgeons, asking for My Biography!!) Isn't that funny? Now if you have anything to say, any _interesting_

sketch of my infantile days or thereafter, just send it along! Without joking now what shall I tell them? Of course I shall send but a brief sketch, and in it I shall mention my darling mother's name. Shan't I?

Good bye now dear with piles of love from

[illegible]

Cynthia dear,

My dear Cynthia,

You are a good little
correspondent and I wish you would
write me very often, because it
makes me very happy to get a letter.
[illegible] forgotten that the sister
that likes to mind his order still
lives and would be happy to hear
of his welfare. I said that he
and John were going [illegible] last
week, did they go? If they have not
returned, I wish they might come

come around this way and make me
a call. If Sarah only could have come
how happy I should be!
I hung out my clothes this morning
and have just now been to bring
them in, they've dried nicely.
Prof. [illegible] is here, he is now de-
livering a lecture to the [illegible]
and will speak to us tonight in
our weekly meeting. I wish you
could be here to hear him. You would
enjoy it I know. I shall write
before long to Anna Ellen and Eddie.
I think Ellen is improving, hope
will write again soon. I am
glad that Eddy has not forgotten

how to write. Don't she write a
little every day so as to improve?
I think it would be a good plan,
don't you Eddy? Jessie do you
read aloud evenings as we used to,
and if you do what books are you
reading? Who combs Mother's hair?
and who cuts father's? how Eddie's must
be missing? I suppose they used to
that now he is at home. Have
you had yours cut off yet? Perhaps
you will say I am silly, but I want to
know all about it, just as you would
if you were away. It has been raining
but now the sun shines below the
cloud and I guess it is going to clear up.
Good bye with much love to each in
particular, and all in general, your loving
sister Mary

... all my old friends you know who ...

N. [illegible] 21, 18[illegible]

Dear Eddie;

As I have answered all the letters received from home, and you have not written to me I thought I would address you a few lines this morning so you would have the privilege of answering. Are you not delighted! I suppose you are all very busy now, preparing for the meeting. Do you believe Eddie, I have allowed myself to be really sad and homesick because I could not be with you to enjoy the meetings this week, but never mind, it would be wrong to murmur(?). I hope to be at home again before

How is Lizzie?

a good while. I am really gaining nicely. Did Pa get the letter I sent him the day he was in Utica? I hope he did for that was the only letter I wrote last week, and you might have felt anxious.

Are the apples ripe yet Eddie? I wish I had some of those Golden Sweets. Have the tomatoes ripened? How are your rabbits prospering? Is Georgie with you yet? Give my love to him. How much does the baby [illegible] around? Give him a kiss from Aunt Mary. How is Jolly and how are all the rest of the folks? Write to me Eddie, and tell me all about it. I want to see you my dear brother so much. Love to all, especially included from your loving sister Mary

Home, Aug 25/11

Dear Eddie;

We are looking for a letter telling of your conference with Mr. Fleming, & are praying that we all may be guided aright. How are the Harper people feeling? I am much in sympathy with your field, & the good people there. Enclosed a letter from Hattie, rec'd last evening. What do you think of it? Would it be a disappointment to you if we should remain ~~with~~ in Mich this winter? We think that if we should do so, we might return home next summer, & finish seeing to things here, & then decide what to do afterwards. Anna thinks we may go to Kansas another time. We think

Lizzie's offer a favorable one, & think we would be very happy there more so than with anyone else than with you. We are still busy looking over things & disposing as fast as we can. You ought to have these theological books. I have had Jennie's S.S. class this summer & have enjoyed it very much & have realized more than ever how invaluable these books would be to you. Would they not, or would those of more recent date be better for you. Shall we box & send some to you & if so, what selection shall we make, or shall we send all those of that class? We have not looked the books over yet. The will was proven yesterday, no one appearing to object. - We have found some letters of your Mothers, among Jennie's papers. Will enclose one, and keep the others for you.

[illegible]

[illegible] to go [illegible]

[illegible]

your daughter

[illegible]

1856 evidently

N. S. Sat. morn. March 25,

Dear Mother;

Robert has continued to improve since you left. Yesterday he brought some Hemlock boughs from the woods for me to trim my room. They make it look very cheerful and pretty. He has now gone for some more, for other rooms &c.—

I feel better since Mother was here. Her visit did me a great deal of good. I do not feel so anxious now. R. is getting better, and besides, the Dr. and all the rest tell me not to worry, they will take care of him. I have been

resting most of the time
since Mother left. Do not
feel very strong, now the
excitement does not keep
me up, but am in a better
condition to gain ~~now~~ than
I have been since coming here.
I send your letter to Elizabeth
today. yesterday no mail went.
Shall we not hear from
you soon again? Thank you
dear Mother for those things.
The piece is not like my
dress. Would it not be
well to send it with a
little more, to make Franky
a dress? —— Much love
to all. — We are doing
well. — Your daughter

Mary E.

Monday morn
Apr 7, 1856

Dear Ma;

Recieved your letter Sat. eve. thank you for that piece. It is I think sufficient. Having an opportunity to send a line this morning, and the roads getting so bad that we dont know when another will offer, I thought I would write a few words to say that K. still improves. Had a first rate day yesterday, is very well this morn. His crisis continues, boils and diarhea, I am doing very well.— love to all.— Mary.

Peter [illegible]

Graefenberg, May 8. 1857.

My dear Mother;

The date of this reminds me that you are now sixty years of age. Dear Mother, is it not time for you to begin to rest more? I think of you often and wish I could be of more comfort to you and Father now in your declining years. Your good kind letter was gratefully received. It gives us great pleasure to feel that we are remembered by the loved ones at home. You will I know all rejoice with me when I tell you that I have had those other bad teeth extracted, roots I mean, and you cannot tell what a relief it is

to feel that that job is done. One was the famous tooth which Dr. Stetson tried three or four times, and Dr. Griswold once, and which always made me cry! to have it touched. This time I did not cry, but it hurt badly enough, it was so sore, but bad miseries are past, so I will proceed.— By the way Pa, I think Mr. Editor, takes great liberties with my private, confidential correspondence. I shall have to be careful what kind of scribbling I send in that direction.— But I need not borrow trouble, this letter will be in no danger of going in, that's certain.— How is the Gen. prospering? You must have had a good deal of trouble with Dr. G's sermon, having so little help.—

Sophronia is going to her home in Michigan very soon. Could you send her that likeness to York Mills? If you cannot, we will have to trust it to mail. I am very very sorry that I have not been able to visit her more, and that she has not visited our folks. I think she would have felt better. She seems to be making great efforts to be more cheerful, and will, I hope succeed. Her health is feeble but some better than it has been.

Mother.

I am glad Lillie gets along so nicely, wish I had her to make me a dress, but unless the warm weather comes on very fast I shall get along very well. Today has been very pleasant, quite delightful after the past rainy weather. Spring seems really to have come at last. Mr. Wells has been working in the garden today. Tonight I heard the frogs sing for the first time. My health is improving, headaches much, very much less than it used to, and I feel that I am better than in every respect. I hope to be able to come home soon. How does the melodeon prosper? Do the girls learn to play much? Is the baby any better

than when you last wrote?
How is the weather with you?
the sun shone so bright today
that I wished I had my flat,
but Mrs. Wells has promised
me the loan of her sunbonnet
so I shall get along. — Little
Henry has been very sick, so
much so that we feared for
two or three days that he must
die, — The swelling in his hip
gathered again, he had a high
fever and there was great danger
both of mortification and that it
would work around to the spine
in either case he must die,
but now he is very much
better though not able to
leave his bed, —
Sat. morn. — this is a bright
beautiful morning, I am feeling
very well, and must go and do
work. The grass is begining to
look quite green, trees are budding
out & fresh birds sing most sweetly,
must close with love to all. — Your Mary

[illegible] consider [illegible]
[illegible] introduce myself.
good wishes [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] It is [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

22, [illegible]

[illegible]. Am very sorry you have
been so anxious [illegible]
[illegible] money [illegible] not write
[illegible] see what [illegible],
[illegible] and write again.
I do not think father [illegible]
[illegible] money [illegible] buying
the bill here. Dr [illegible]
has promised to [illegible]
[illegible] he [illegible] his
word he stands by it. He
would not think of [illegible]
for [illegible]
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible]
make a [illegible]. [illegible]
doing so [illegible]. [illegible]
not like to make a [illegible]
[illegible]
to make [illegible]

Robert's room Wed. morn
Oct.

Dear Mother;

I believe I promised to write and let you know how we were getting along. We had a pleasant ride down Monday went to Graefenburg that evening. Robert made an agreement with Dr. Holland to board there as we proposed, and what treatment we want, for seven dollars per week. We find it very pleasant thus far, have had delightful weather, ride just long enough. They have

eighteen or twenty patients:
Twenty has been their average
number during the summer.
Imogene leaves next week.
She will then have been
there a year and is not
much better than when she
came. She is only fourteen,
has been sick five years.
Poor child, her happy cheerfulness
appears ~~seems~~ to be the light of the
place, but it seems hard if
she cannot be helped. She
can sit up and move around
in her chair, can ride
horseback too, but she cannot
walk. Another lady from the
same place, who is going home
with her, has been there
since May and has been
helped about as much as Sarah

was at Clinton I should think.
I wish Sarah could get acquainted with Imogene, they would I think, enjoy each others society.
[illegible] is doing a pretty good business this week. I don't know though as he feels much better yet than he did last week. I think he does a little, his mind is diverted at least.
I am getting along very well, in this little back room. I scrubbed the floor yesterday with ashes & cold water. It looks a good deal better today but not very nice yet. guess it will want another before long.
Father has just come in, and will take this along with him.
This is a beautiful day, several

in for likenesses this morning.

I send Sarah's shoes, Cynthia's gloves & Ma's [illegible]. If the shoes are too large for Sarah I guess they will do for Sis or Anna, or they will exchange them. Write & let me know how they do, how you get along & how you are. Father is going & I must close. Love to all from

Mary.

Mr Everett.

Present.

N. Hampton [illegible]

May 1[illegible]. 18[illegible]

Dear Mother,

Your kind letter containing $15 was rec'd last Saturday. It was very kind to send so much. I am very glad to get it though. We have had a great time this week starting home. Packed Monday, was too tired to go Tuesday, Wednesday it rained. E. was not willing for me to start today and so I [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to-morrow. I fear from your letter that you are quite feeble. We feel quite anxious about you and [illegible].

I have not been very strong & E. thinks that if I [illegible] [illegible] longer I shall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. Your letter

would have made a more pleasant
trip, had we not had such
a time about starting that we
hardly knew what to write. —
I think when I go I shall go
through Kirtland as that is the
most quiet route. I shall then
pass through Saratoga. Shall
stop in [illegible] [illegible]
reach Utica I think early in
the afternoon of the next day.

Father will be going now [illegible]
and I shall miss too seeing him
before he starts. It cost me quite
a struggle to bring my mind to
this but perhaps it is best so.
I do not think my health is
quite as good as when we came out,
but hope after getting home,
and resting, that I may judge
that the visit has been bene-
ficial. —

Elizabeth would like much to
go home with me and make us a
good long visit. but then have

made arrangements to go to
Biddeford, Maine, to spend a
part or all the summer nearly
with Mrs. Thompson, Dr. B's sister
and think the two journeys would
be too much. — If you could
only spend the time of Ida's
absense here, she would enjoy
it so well. — E. says they will
make some arrangement for
Cynthia. She can stay at
Mr. Oliver Butler's, or they will
make some other arrangement for her.
I think now that I shall start
a week from next Monday or
Tuesday. — but of course we
expect to write again before
then. — Accept a great deal
of love from all.

Your daughter,

Mary.—

[illegible]hampton [illegible] 187[illegible]

[illegible] Mother

[illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] you are thinking altogether too much of others and too little of yourself, as you always do. Wish you could have a better chance to rest. If you could be here while father is gone I would be glad. Hope father will have a good pleasant time. You ought to try to rest while he is gone.

I have enjoyed having the girls with me. Am sorry Mary's health is no better. Hope she will yet find that it has been a benefit to her. We have some anxiety about her going home alone. Hope she will be stronger in two or three weeks and then she will be likely to have no difficulty. We are all in usual health. The children are enjoying the pleasant weather very much. Wish we could all come out and see you this summer. [illegible] your mother [illegible] is spared. I want to see you [illegible] you [illegible] you [illegible]

We had a letter from [illegible] last week. They are all well [illegible]

[illegible] especially [illegible] the letter [illegible] also [illegible]

Your Daughter Elizabeth

Saratoga Sp. June 24, 18[illegible]

Dear Mother;

I am thinking now of coming home soon, but have not quite money enough. I have on hand some [illegible] dollars; but [illegible] will be three and a half a week. I have been here most four weeks. have paid [illegible] get[illegible] by tomorrow evening [illegible] one ~~twenty~~ fourteen dollars. This is my bill to the proprietor for board. Dr. does not charge me anything for his care, though I hope I shall sometime be able to

I hope ma, that I shall not always be sending for money, but that I shall before a great while be able to do something for myself — (your good kind letter was rec'd some three days ago, in company with one from Sis — but having written but a few days before, and not feeling very well just then I delayed answering till now. —

[illegible]

pay him. – Dr. talks of going
to visit his mother in
Cleveland, Ohio, soon, and think[s]
of going when I go home, and
that he will make us a visi[t]
on his way, will not that be
nice. He says he wants to see
Sarah, and shake her for not
writing to him. – If he comes,
we must take him over to
Western to see Miss Dopp, and
another lady who has been
a patient of his. Dont you
think we can, ma? He does
not know certainly as he
can go, as he some expects
several patients very soon.
If they come immediately, he
cant leave of course, If they
are not coming under a fort=
night or so, he will go. Poor Doctor,

his troubles wear upon him
a great deal, and I think a
visit to his mother and
other friends will do him
a great deal of good.

I suppose Pa and Ma [illegible]
will be coming home next
week, [illegible] Elizabeth
[illegible] too. A writes that they
probably will not go to Bidde-
ford as Alice has the scarlet
fever.

My health is improving though
I have been quite poorly this
week. took cold one of those
warm days, and had a sort
of a billious attack, sick in
the back, and trouble with
the stomach & head.
All right again today, smart
as a cricket — I want to

see you all very much.
though I have enjoyed myself
well since coming here, a very
pleasant boarding place, and
Dr. S. is like a father. that is,
as much so as he can be.—
I bought my ticket at
Bellows Falls through to Utica
with the privilege of stopping
here as long as I chose, so
my fare to Utica is paid.—
Two dollars of the money that
I have, is eastern money
which I changed on the
way, intending to send it
to Cynthia. And I will pay it
here, or send it to her. She
can do nothing with N. York
bills there.— Most of our bills
were on the N. York banks
so I brought about all we
had with me, to change on
the way, sent back 2 dollars.
do not know whether she will
really need more now or not.
we think she will, as she had
to get her bonnet fixings, a
pair of shoes. and she ought to
get a pair to go to school in

Saratoga Spa. June 12, 1858
Friday Morn.

Dear Mary

Your kind letter with $3.15 recd yesterday. Thank you much. I shall be very comfortable now. Am gaining [illegible], can walk [illegible] [illegible] this day. — expect to see you very soon. [illegible] does not know whether he will go or not [illegible]. Wish Elizabeth & [illegible] could [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[CA 1554]

New Graefenburg. May 2

Dear Mother,

We were very glad to get your letter last evening. but were quite sorry to learn that you were so poorly - and are sorry that you have to work so hard, and that your children are not able to take your place, and relieve you more. We are both doing well. I thought some of going home last Saturday. but was not feeling as well on that day. I am much better to day. I do not know now whether I shall come next Saturday or not. I am anxious to get well as soon as possible & to do nothing to retard it at all. I hope we will soon both of us be able to do our part. There are but fourteen patients here now. They have been very busy cleaning house and making garden; but are nearly through. Tell Eddy I hope he will

let the hens injure their lots by scratching in the garden, or by uncovering the corn & potatoes. Do they lay well now? I have not written before for most a week & have most forgotten how. Must close now for dinner with love to all.

Your children
Robert & Mary.

Dear Mother;

I do not know but I will be accused of repeating what Robert has already ~~said~~, written if I say that we are both better than when we wrote last. I am gaining in strength now. am taking treatment to build me up; short packs, half, sitz and sponge baths and the battery, with foot baths and dripping sheets interspersed. I have taken heavy treatment most of the time.— I should like to see cousin Lizzie; how

is her health? Will she not
stay up some time, or is
she coming to Utica soon.
Have you been feeble long?
I wish I was strong enough
to relieve you of your cares.
Dear Ma I believe I shall be
strong again. How smart
Sarah is getting to be. She'll
beat us all yet. Well it
is no more than fair. Is
Anna any better. I must
write no more as it is
nearly time for the mail
to close. Accept much love
and a kiss. from

Mary & Robt.

New York May 8. 1867.

My dear Mother;

I have been thinking of you all day as this is your birthday. How have you been today? We have been having a very beautiful lovely day, bright sunny and just warm enough to be comfortable. It is quite comfortable tonight. I have been to the dispensary today and had a good time. I am enjoying myself so very much this summer.

As A. Anna is coming down as she does not feel just

like it, I dont feel at all like urging it. If it were in the fall, matters would be entirely different. The weather might become uncomfortably warm very soon, and then she might be lonely when I was running round. I feel quite encouraged to think that she is standing her ground so well this spring thus far. Hope now that when the warme weather comes on that she will gain. Keep cheery Anna dear, courage darling, I hope we will yet have you strong and stout. You intimate that I may feel wounded at your declining

Indeed my dear, I do not. I wish you to do just as you feel inclined. If you were still failing this spring, I should feel exceedingly anxious to have you down here and I should endeavor to do my best to make you comfortable and happy, but as it is, probably you are as well off there, and perhaps much better.

How does that parlor garden get along? How is your appetite? Have they got anything started in the growing line? I wonder what would be the effect if I should write to you pretty often.

I have not been to

Mrs. Lozier's this week
shall probably go there the
first of next, and when
I [illegible] my [illegible] butter I
will let you know.
I inquired at a butter
store in [illegible] by what
the price of butter
was on the day that
it arrived, and they
said that the best
aside from Orange
Co. was 45c that
was 50c. What have
they been paying
in Remsen this
spring! — I went
to Mr. Thomas's yes-
terday. they were all
well, and send love
Rev. J. P. has been suf-
fering this week with
rheumatism. was a little
better yesterday. —
Accept lots of love and a kiss
from your affectionate Mary.

167 W. 34 st. N.Y.

[illegible]

Dear Father & Mother,

Although the last letter I had [illegible] from Cynthia, [illegible] that she is) I will [illegible] this to you to tell you what a [illegible] you [illegible] a watch [illegible] It will always [illegible] my [illegible] to think of my parents' kindness [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] or Mother [illegible] taken the money out of the bank [illegible] purpose. The first price was $62. and Mr. [illegible] let me have it for $50. I [illegible] you [illegible] to thank [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

was marked S.S. I am sure I
shall remember his kindness.
It is a dear little watch, just the
thing for a lady: hunting case,
white face [illegible] plain [illegible]
[illegible] a good time keeper.
You don't know how rich it
makes me feel!
[illegible]
Had Cynthia's [illegible] letter
this morning. Am glad to know
she has changed her [illegible]
table. Have been thinking
[illegible] must be best to have
[illegible] curtain over the window
[illegible] you can see how that plan
works. Note she has read, [illegible] the
[illegible] letter in which I [illegible]
the medicine. Am going to take
a dose of it myself this very minute.
There, it is down, hope the [illegible]
will not [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] enough to

make the trial. Am I [illegible]
[illegible] but the other
was lost. Am still at Mrs.
Barnett's. have not completed
my arrangements for the
winter. Indications point
towards the demonstrator's
place, but I don't know as
~~it~~ [illegible] affairs will take it.
that letter from [illegible] relating
directed to the [illegible] which having
brought [illegible], [illegible] there
last evening. [illegible]
It seems most like my home
I am feeling better today than
at all since I took [illegible]
before leaving home. Have
not been very well till
today. Went yesterday to see a
lady who had been waiting
for me to return from the
country. a new patient, sent

is an old one, so [illegible] see practice is increasing a little by degrees. My friends [illegible] had almost made up their minds that I was not going to return & she was getting worried with waiting. [illegible] must locate as soon as possible.

[illegible] glad you have got rested after your Utica journey [illegible] was a pretty hard trip but it was worth while for you to have such a good visit with Aleck, and [illegible] after his return. So [illegible] the [illegible] are all in. That is good. It seems strange to think [illegible] it is freezing there, but it is [illegible] cold there. I think you might send the butter now. Good bye with very much love from your dutiful daughter Mary

Dear Sis;

I am glad you are getting to be lazy. Don't forget you'll take your baths, keep out of the sun, don't get too tired &c &c. Take your dose of "Zinc." let it work awhile & if you then continue to have that feeling about your mouth take another dose of [illegible]. Dr. H. said we did well not to give you the [illegible] tablets, as that has so good an effect. I am glad Callie had stopped biting her nails. Maggie must have her present too. It takes [illegible] and while to pay my bills

some time I had it before
they usually come out all
right in the end. Have
written to [illegible] [illegible] ask
to do so again. Good bye
accept lots of love
to your busy sister

Mary.

E.
35 14th St. N.Y.

167 W. 34 St. N.Y.

Dec. 4 1871

Dear Ma & all;

You might judge from the first date of this, which by the way was written more than a week ago, that I had moved. & so I did, & for two weeks had my headquarters in 14th St. thinking that my duties at the College would require me to be near by; but finding that I could perform them as well, I remain here & am finally located for the

winter I have at this [illegible]
Am very happy here, am
well & enjoy my class very
much indeed. They are
getting along very nicely.
It keeps me very busy,
having but little time
for practice, but it gives
me so good an opportunity
for improvement & to show
what I can do that I will
try throw my whole force
into it.
Forgive me for being so
negligent in writing, time
seems to fly so.
Ben came Sat. Morn.
bright & cheerful as ever!
I attended the Welsh church
yesterday. Mr. Thomas
preached. Very good.

Do you have that dipper on
now! Little Sophia.
I am glad that Anna
is able to cut around
some, so I know [illegible]
chance you get!! How is
Fannie after her trip!
When is Sarah going to
have her visit to Linn[illegible]
a [illegible]! How is Pa, &
how is [illegible] little brother
after his jaunt across the
country. Is Bettie Grandpa's
Man yet? How does he get
along? So Bruce has gone
to Linn[illegible]. How is Maggie this
winter? And my little babie?
I have not forgotten that
Nail-biting business. Does the
improvement hold out?
Is Fannie & Lewis well?
Has Lis returned from

Line! I must write to
Eddie & Mattie. My love
to Mamma & tell you write
also & all hearing inquired
for & to Mrs. Jones. Love
Mrs. Griffith &c
Neighbors &c &c & believe
me your own affectionate
daughter. Mary.
How is Pa? His friends
often enquire for him.
Mrs. Jones I think said
they had heard a letter
from him last week.
Also Mr. Thomas. Good
bye again. Good bye.
Have you had returns from
letters. What were they. I suppose
Dr. Hill won't the other but
this is not ... Hill speak to her.

316 W. 35th St.

[illegible] 17, [illegible]

Dear Ma;

As you have a broken arm & are consequently on the invalid list, I suppose Jennie will allow me to answer her letter by writing to you. Thank you very much for the $.10. It is very acceptable, will pay my rent you see for two weeks. Everybody tells me that I am taking such a good stand that money will flow in after a while, at least

[illegible]

place and feel [illegible]. If I can maintain my feeling a little longer, times will be easier, that is certain. Indeed it is much easier now than formerly. My health is good with the exception of the cold of last week which is wearing away. I am getting along nicely at the Bank. 3 weeks longer of the time. Have some increased in muscle &c.

[illegible] you [illegible] my [illegible] had, [illegible] is much better today. [illegible] not be [illegible] discouraged. I suppose she has been [illegible] some. A few doses of Arnica would come in well for her occasionally.

Have you tried Phosphorus
for Father's Morning sensations. Sy
stoles of Phos. some thought of
slight amount like little quantities
of better or sugar.
Antimonium crudum also has
diarrhea early in the Morning.
It is suitable for aged persons.
The tongue is usually coated white
& there is a good deal of thirst at
night & frequently increased flow of
urine at night.
Bry. has also a Morning diarrhea.
Seems to lie down & remain quiet.
Sulph. has a good reputation.
that drives one out of bed in
the morning, is known.
I am sorry for Annie's cold &
glad she is a little better. But

[illegible] very much [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]ly. I could
hardly [illegible] without knowing
symptoms. And Bry. cannot [illegible] many
of the colds this year. also Celia.
([illegible] [illegible] union) [illegible]
[illegible] her shoulders bathed
with alcohol now.
Is darling write to me one
of these days when you can
without fatiguing yourself. So you
are going to have [illegible] Chromos
are you! that will be nice.
I have little picture which I
bought in the car one day. I
will send you.
Good bye, Good bye all with
very Much love from
Mary. —

310 W. 35th St. N.Y.
March. 22. 1873

My dear Mother;

I have something good to tell you, which will please you very much. There stands on my table before me a beautiful "Post Mortem" case of Instruments on the lid of which is an oval plate with the following words very nicely engraved. "To Mary H. Everett M.D. by the students of the New York Medical College for Women. Session 1872 & 3." The case is of solid Mahogany, 14 inches long, over 6 wide, 2½ high.

Don't think dear Ma, that my head is turned. I am the same little Mary as ever, but I am pleased & gratified! & I know you will all sympathize with me in my pleasure. Love, love, love & a clasp. Ama

Mary.

Spring term commences Monday next, lasts 4 weeks. We will continue our labors in Anatomical room.

we had a pleasant reception. After refreshments as I was very busily engaged in conversation with one of the Professors, one of the students, Miss Griffith came & & taking me by the hand led me to the table on the other side of which stood Dr. Babcock ready for her speech with this beautiful case of Instruments by her. They say I looked pretty pale at first, but didn't faint! I dont know half ~~what~~ she said, for I had to collect my own thoughts for utterance, but if I can get a copy will send it to you. Cynthia will remember Miss Babcock who recited to me in Chemistry the spring she was with me.

& contains a complete set of "Van Worlem" Instruments. Its Money value is $.35.00. Its real value to me is priceless. Not only on account of its real worth in my chosen work, but particularly as a token of esteem & appreciation from all the students at the College. It was presented, with a very neat speech, by Miss, Now "Dr." Babcock one of the new graduates. & I of course had to reply. The whole affair was a complete surprise to me, and most took away my breath, but they all said I did very well. was not scared entirely out of my wits. Our Commencement exercises passed off very nicely. & at the close we repaired to Mrs. Dr. Logie's where

My case contains 18 instruments, besides 24 ~~curved~~ surgical needles.

This affair was started by her, was carried through in a great measure by my dear roommate who says there never was anything more freely given. one dear girl giving $5. So you see dear Mother that your little girl's enthusiasm is appreciated. I tell you all these little things Ma, because I know it will please you. I have had such a fine class this term, they have been very enthusiastic & have done ~~very so~~ so nicely that I am really proud of them. This present however came not only from those who were directly under my pupilage this term, but from the graduates & Middle class as well & as such is of course a token of more honor.

[illegible]
[illegible] 28/[illegible]

Dear [illegible],

[illegible] know you are anxious to hear from Cynthia; she is still having what I consider a "crisis" as we would call it in the water treatment. We have to change her about 7 times during the 24 hours, twice every night. When she sweats freely, her head is entirely free from pressure &c. This makes me think that her symptoms

Smoking is weakening her considerably
though the checking which we
cannot sometimes avoid weakens
her & when she gets a good thorough
one she seems stronger.
I have got alcohol to bathe & clean
her & wine to keep up her
strength. She is not very weak
went with me marketing yesterday
Will write next week. Must
close now so as to get
in the mail by 4 P.M. that
you may get it Sat night
Good bye. with love from A C

are favorable. When the perspiration is checked in the least, she is nearly as nervous as she used to be when she had such a time before, you remember when she took a turn to gain after she had been in New Hampton.

It is now nearly 5 weeks ~~since~~ since her last hard spell, & though three times, severely when it was about time, (3 weeks) that seems to have passed over for the present. Now she is threatened with spasms when perspiration is checked. has not had one for a long time. We are quite anxious as this

[illegible] Aug. [illegible]

Dear Mother;

I can write more cheerfully today. We [illegible] the best night that we have had in three weeks. [illegible] [illegible] at night [illegible], & then Sis was not very [illegible] & came out very comfortably without being nervous. After that she slept without [illegible] [illegible] waking till 5 this morning. After a good breakfast & a little rest she went with Sarah to 7th Av. to do a little marketing. Looks pretty [illegible], but seems natural &

quiet & sleeps a great deal
It is now about 1 P.M. & she
has been asleep most of the
time since 10 A.M. At 11 M.
she said she was getting tired
& would like a little more
morning which I put on to
the [illegible] clocks. Awakens
once in a while for a moment
or two & she feels so much
better after sleeping that we
think it is decidedly favorable
the means sleep, "tired Nature's
sweet Restorer"; She still feels
better today. It seems like
a calm after a great storm.
William is a good deal better
today, does not wheeze much, but is
weak. He seems to be getting
over this [illegible]. He has not
been out since Saturday.
Will write more later in
the afternoon after Dr's coming

[illegible] at this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] nearly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] both [illegible]
[illegible] first [illegible] Mother [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Morning. She was so [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] doing my hair.
1,25 [illegible] thick [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] been [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Thanksgiving [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] ate a big dinner & ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] Mother
[illegible] is lazy though, is [illegible] is better [illegible]
again.
[illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Aug [illegible]

Dear Brother;

[illegible] today [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] did not sweat as much [illegible]

the day [illegible] the other

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible]
of Mr. [illegible] is
[illegible] hear from him [illegible]
will write again [illegible]
there is anything [illegible]
to communicate.

Your dutiful daughter
Mary [illegible]

333 W. 84th St
N. Y. Sept 16/75

Dear Ma:

Sis is much better today, really seems more like herself than she has since the sweats began. Cheerful & goodnatured, she is quite a comfort. She has a sore tooth & a face somewhat swollen but it is better than it has been. She wishes Ma were near enough to have her give her a bouquet. We have quite a collection in our garden. This P. M. & evening have been quite

raining. I hope you are
having a good Meeting in
Pennyngfield tonight for I should
much like to be there,
we are going to have a
nice sing in the parlor this
evening. Good bye now
Mother dear. We are
trying to do as well as we
can with each other.
Accept a great deal of love
from each.
Sis Sarah & Mary.

Sis is unwell today, came on just on time & she feels better since. She had a light spell last evening & another this evening since I commenced writing. It is just 3 weeks since she had the others. If I can break up the periodicity which they have been having 2½ weeks &c I shall be glad, then by curing other symptoms may hope to still benefit her further. Will do all I can you know dear Mother.

Good bye again M.

333 W. 34th St
Sept 23d /75

Dear Mother;

One of these days I will be dating my letters from 433 W. 34th instead of 333. I have taken a very nice office just a block from here. It is half a flat & 3 rooms unfurnished for $20 per month. I feel very happy about it. I have also sold my furniture what I have not reserved for $350.00 Of course I do

not get what I hoped by a great deal, but have had a years use, & under the circumstances that is a bad offer.

The girls will go home with Eddie on Sat. next. It does not seem healthy for me to go just now, as it will probably do me a good deal of harm to be away just now as the change is being made. Perhaps after a little I can run home for a little. One of the girls can come to stay with me just as well as not; as I have the privilege of cooking if I like. Am feeling better. Dr. Griffith is ~~better~~ here also Miss Rees. It is a great comfort to have them

[illegible] Miss Rae stays
till I leave Good bye now we all
send love

Mary

433 W. 34th St.
N.Y. Nov. 2nd /85

My Dear Mother:

I do wish you could just step in this evening and take the chair opposite me by this cheery grate fire, so that we might have a quiet little chat. I have drawn the table to the fire, am seated at the right of the table, with my feet on Jennie's ottoman, & have placed the rocking chair opposite, "waiting & watching" for someone to call. Wish it might be

Sarah's scissors are here but I have not seen her glove yet. It may be here as I have not looked over every thing yet. I am continually finding something which some one or other of the dear ones packed carefully away. I don't know what would have become of me if some one had not taken more care of these things than I could have had strength or time to. Miss Kees spent several hours & took dinner with me yesterday. She was looking well. [illegible] again dear Ma [illegible] with kisses [illegible] all.

Will send Sis some med. tomorrow. Bell. It relieves headache after. Tell her to take [illegible]

Mother, or some other of the
loved ones at home. It has
been cold & windy today. I came
in this evening pretty well
chilled & this fire feels very
grateful. I changed the
programme this evening and
made me an oyster stew, this
is the first thing I have ~~cooked~~
cooked since coming to this
habitation. Last evening Mrs.
Cole sent me in some pot
pie which tasted wonderfully
good. & on Sunday last she
invited me to dinner. It
was at half past two & I
remained till six, having
a nice homelike time.
I am enjoying myself very much
& do not think my moving will
materially affect my practice.
In one way it will a little,
as moving always does, but

10 P. M. After writing [illegible] I laid down for a few minutes & [illegible] slept!
So now I must go to bed [illegible] my eyes are almost [illegible]

I think it will be more
than balanced by my having
more time to devote to my
profession, & besides this, my
family by scattering have
introduced me into several
new good families. This is very
pleasant, & may bring me
practice in time. The day I
called on Mrs. Harrison, I
gave some medicine in
rather a playful way to her
daughter, Cynthia will re-
member how her sweet face
used to please me. Today I
met her mother who said the
medicine had done her good
as she had felt first rate
ever since, she had been
complaining a good deal.
I was much pleased with
the account of your case,
I think Ma, you ought to have

Days pretty lonely, some friends, having had some of the home folks
with me so lonely.

been a doctor! & if I have
any talent in that direction
it came from My Mother,
even if I am not so Much
like her in other respects
as Sarah. I always charge
my doctoring propensity to my
Mother, & am much obliged
to her for it! It is a quarter
to nine & no one has called.
Well, I would just as lief have
them stay away now so that I
can finish my visit at home.
Do you take snux any now? I
should think that snux at night
& quinine in the Morning would
do you good. & tone you up. Wish
I might have been along when
you Made that visit to Flyn.
am glad you are able to go
some. Good bye Now Mother
dear with ever so Much love
from your dutiful daughter Mary

New York Mar 25th /81

Dear Mother & all;

Mother's kind letter was rec'd yesterday & should have been answered immediately but I have been busy. I am almost over my cold, but my back has not broken yet. It is not so much inflamed but looks like a great boil. Sophie was with me last night & Sunday. She is well. I have found my case! It was picked up on the sidewalk by a grocer boy and taken to Mr. Gray's store. Annie will remember where it is. Mr. Gray is a member of our church

Two or three Mornings after my loss, he hailed me through the window, & on my entering the store asked if I had lost a Medicine case! Imagine my joy! The dear old friend, that had stood by me in so many trials! I have the other case filled, am now well supplied. I really needed the new one so much that I can hardly regret the temporary loss of the other which drove me to buy it. Shall have a special pocket made & take care not to trust it again to my shallow outside waterproof pocket. My headache is nearly gone; it lasted three weeks & was almost constant.

John writes me that he is improving, & I have sent him some more Medicine Am sorry Wm. is sick. It is really discouraging for them. He may be better though when he gets rested

You say that Annie has been troubled with toothache. I wish she might come down here for a few weeks, for a change. The weather is nice here now. I am afraid she is not very strong. Could not Jennie see to the books for awhile so that she could run away a little while & recuperate. The sea air seemed ~~to do~~ her good when she was

here before.
Fri Eve. Coar came this A.M.
all in nice order. Winter
is upon us at last, that is
this first day is very cold, no
snow. How is it with you?
Those verses of Sarah's are beautif
I must write to her. Have
you heard again? You must have
been looking for [illegible] from me
these last days. You see how
slow I am about it. My [illegible]
still troubles me. I think it is
most ready to be lanced. How
are you all after getting this
last No of Coar. off your hands?
I thought of you much on thanks-
giving day, & wished myself with
you. Will try to write a better
letter next time. Loving Mary.

433 W 34th St
N. Y. Dec. 17th/75

My Dear Mother,

I do indeed feel pretty lonely when a long time slips by without a letter from home. I imagine you start the others up once in a while and I am very thankful to you for it. It does me so much good too to get a letter from you in your own hand writing. Please write as often as you can, that's a good Ma. How is little Lissie since

your last! That was dated eleven days ago. Most two weeks! If J. Eddie has not printed my cards let him change the office hours to 8–9 A.M. 1–3 P.M. 6–7½ P.M. I am quite convinced that it will be better for me thus. Business has been quite slack, but is brightening up some. Every Doctor that I know, and every body else as to that, finds it very hard to make collections! Still I am getting along and ahead some. My little home is very comfortable, and I am now sharing with Miss Rice who is with me nights and mornings and Sundays. I am sure you will be glad to know

that she is with me.
She is quite well and
would send love if she
were in. I am expecting
her in every moment &
it is pleasant to be
looking for some one to
come in when evening
comes.

I forgot to tell Lizzie
in last that she had better
not take that medicine
that Mrs. Sims recommended.
Give her lots of love and
fifty kisses!

Good bye Ma dear, I
must close to get this in
the mail. Miss Rees has
just come in & sends lots
of love.

Lovingly & dutifully
Your daughter
Mary

433 W. 34th St. N.Y.
Feb. 23d 1876

Dear Mother;

I have thought very much of you during these anniversary days of father's last illness. My heart has been at home with you in sympathy and love. One year in Heaven! How much enjoyment dear Father must have experienced in this! What sweet rest, what glorious communion! "Pay all dear then?" Although a sadness comes over me when I think of the suffering of

those last days on earth, the sadness is swallowed up in a happy thankfulness for the quiet peace he enjoyed and the full assurance of his acceptance. So sweet an example of patience as he left us! "Patient in suffering & patient in his longing to go home." Precious Father! how fitting a sequel was his death to such a life as he had led. So pure, so ~~earnest~~ earnest & truthful, as he had always been. How good he was none knew so well as his family. It was fit that he should lean on the sure promises of God in unquestioning acceptance fully assured that they would not fail him in the last extremity. I can never cease to be thankful for having had the privilege of being

with you then and of helping to administer to his wants. It was a precious favor to be with him when he was so near heaven & so heavenly, and then it was such a comfort for him to have so many of his children around him then, as you know he said to Sara, "You are all with me." Dear Father, he had always been so kind to us all it was but just that we should accompany and support him as much as possible to the banks of the River. There the Saviour took him & he was at rest. "Their works do follow them." His work on earth is not yet finished. We, his children, as well as others will ever be encircled with the gentle influences of his beautiful example. I do feel thankful

for having been blessed with such happy home influences. The more one sees of the world, the more one learns to appreciate such pure truthful integrity; earnest sincerity; large hearted, unostentatious benevolence: childlike faith & piety. May we all aim to be as pure, as true, as trustful.

It is almost a year since I have seen you Mother, and a lonely year it has been with although you have had a good number of your children with you, and we who are away think of you often and pray for you. I often think of what you said when Father was sick. "I dont know what I should do now without my children. It is right that we should cluster around and comfort you now for you have

be out of the way to send
her a copy of "Fr Egthr" if I put in
another 10 cts for her, and
furthermore if I put in the
fifth 10 cts could you & would
you send <u>me</u> a copy of "Fr Egthr"?
Enclosed 50 cts. Mrs Kagg's
~~can~~ did not come last time
as I had forgotten to tell you
to continue it. & Mrs. Jones
gave hers to the N. S.
Tell Jennie I will hunt up
my notes & let her know
again how matters stand
according to my reckoning.
Accept a great deal of love
dear Mother from your
dutiful daughter Mary
Has Frank started yet? to Kansas?

been a good Mother to us
all and a true helper to dear
Father in his work.
I think but few families have
been so blessed in their parents
as we, and few parents better
deserve a blessing in their
children.

You have had many blessings
the past year. ~~We~~ Have all
been spared to each other
and been able to see each
other a good deal. Little
Sister has improved in health
& your little doubting, restive,
questioning May has been
led to be more trustful, peace
ful & hopeful. The trials &
perplexities of the past year
have been blessed in
sending me to the One
Great Source of Comfort
& Now I feel that He has
me by the hand & will

Have had a present of another Motto worked in shaded lavender in shaded orange ~~surrounding~~: "The Lord is my Shepherd." A little boy patient worked it.

lead me aright whereever that may be.
I want to tell you a little circumstance. Some time since you sent me a postal which was misdirected to 843 I think & by some means it was left at 413 in this block; was taken care of there by a lady who is a personal friend of a dear friend & former student of mine. She called with the card. I formed a very pleasant acquaintance, have already had three new patients with R. 12. & Reesie has a case of nursing where she is giving excellent satisfaction. Was there not a Providence in the misdirecting of that card? It has thrown me into quite a new circle &

is giving Rosie something
to do while sewing in black,
which is more congenial to
her taste. Lovingly Mary

Now Ma, a little word
of business. Mrs. Jones
has obtained three new
subscribers in place of
three which were to be
discontinued. Mrs. Hay &
Mr. Gough Jones have died
& one gave it up. Mrs. J.
made a great effort to keep
up the number & has succeeded
the A.S. go towards paying it. Now,
if I send three 10 cts, will you
forward three "Cabinet of Eng. Hist."
although the other dollar will
have to wait a little longer
as she is short? She holds
herself responsible. also as
Mrs. J. has had all the "col-
lection" paid up, would it

How is little Sister? Is that sore stomach better? I had a letter
from Eddie yesterday enclosing Carroll's likeness.

OFFICE HOURS, 8 to 9 A. M., 1 to 2 P. M., 6 to 7½ P. M.

New York, Feb 26th 1871

Miss Davis

To MARY H. EVERETT, M. D., Dr.

No. 433 West 34th Street,

For Professional Services and Medicines to date, $3.00

Received payment,

Dear Jennie, — I am not sure whether I wrote to Providence or not, — if I did, I think you will find the Bills copied in last part of Book 74. as I told you before I usually send Bills to the agents, but you may do as you think best. — Any Bills that you make and send out, I would like you to keep a copy of. Do you find it hard work to get along? I wish I could help you. We are just out of paper, but hope we shall have some when we write again — have not [illegible] since coming down. I had a very pleasant visit in Brooklyn — and promised to go again, perhaps next week — they are very kind

[illegible]

Try & excuse this, as I am out of paper.

OFFICE HOURS, 8 to 9 A. M., 1 to 2 P. M., 6 to 7½ P. M.

Dr. Mary F. Everett, M.D.

No. 438 West 34th Street.

As to [illegible], I think
we could compile it in
the family. What we
would like might be
different. We are not
much used to the
work. Mrs. Jones has
been thinking of Rev.
J. Phillips. What would
you think of him? She
thought what he would
think [illegible] in the
old [illegible]
interest in them, & he
knew [illegible]
& thought a great deal
of him. He is pretty far
off, but then Mr. Powell's
[illegible] was written by
Mr. [illegible] who is in Wales.
If you would like, I will
throw myself into it, &
write to the different
ministers, getting their
advice & [illegible]
in some way. Anna [illegible]
could do a great deal, & we
could all work together.
Lovingly, Mary.

Dear Mother; I am so delighted to know that you have had a ride. It will do you good to get out as often as you can. So to walking. With frequent short walks will be well, but do not fatigue the limb; it seems to be doing well. Continue the Apis. it will keep the swelling under control. Have you had the bandage, [illegible]? You will miss the Office. We must try to think of some use for the room. I should like it for an office if I were there!. It will be well for them to be moved before the roads break up. Hope they can print the drawings soon though they must be busy for some time yet. Are you out entirely? Take things as easy as you can, mother dear, & if you get very much worried take Cham. Anna says she does not want any more money now, but would like to keep the $.4. from Mrs. [illegible] if you can spare it. Please have [illegible] acknowledge the $.11. [illegible] next cover. Anna returned from Brooklyn last eve & is bright. [illegible] with Mrs. [illegible] today & [illegible] before. Business is pretty good. & we are both [illegible]

It seems necessary for some one to take the Agreement in hand. Would you like me to write to Lewis also? If you put in my hands I think I could manage it. That is I will take the <u>brunt</u> of it.

Lovingly

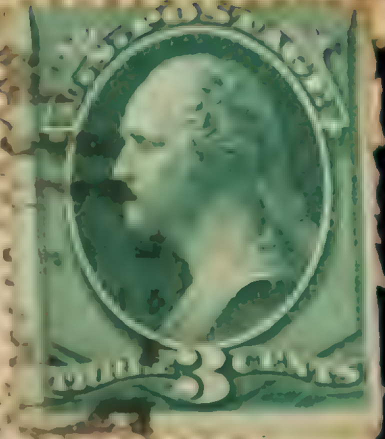
May.

James & Jennie[?] was yesterday together with one from Dr. B. & Hallie. Dr. B. says E. has not been so well for the last two weeks. I wish I could be with her, and do something for her. Anna is still in Brooklyn, think I will run over this P.M. to see how she is. Am very busy now besides practice in preparing an article & specimens to show next Wed. eve at Acad. of Med. &c. Everything taking nicely now—

...ate so I think you will have any trouble in going home alone. But do you not think she had better wait til the weather is more settled there, though she has [illegible] nicely, she is far from strong yet, but not toughened so as to endure very much. [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] cause. I am anxious to see her as she has been absent a week.

[illegible] Mamma

Don't be discouraged [illegible] dear. I think you are doing so well. You will be able to buy aside your contentment in time but it is too soon yet. [illegible] I do want to see you. Jennie's letter tell that she was tired but hope she is feeling better by this time. She will have more rest when Hattie comes. Are they going to change & put a bedroom out of some corner of the old office? They are so short of bedrooms. But perhaps I want [illegible] came [illegible] yesterday a little [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] either [illegible]



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Mrs. E. Emmett
Kenwood
Oneida Co
N.Y.

Letter from Mary
Apr. 6, 1877

[illegible]

357 W. 34th St.
Thurs eve. Sept. 25.

Dear Ma:

Here I am, all right side up with care if you please. Had rather a more tedious trip than usual, as the train from the west was 35 m. late behind time at Utica, then was delayed pretty long at Albany, so that we did not reach N.Y. till ten min. before eight. That was not so very bad though! This train is due in N.Y. at 6.30 just then

1st Leave Remsen at 10½ A.M. & reach N.Y. at 6½ P.M.! Miss Griffith (My husband) met me at the Depot. She had got into a great stew about me as the train was delayed so long. Was ready to start immediately for the scene of disaster if the telegram at any moment should announce such an event. Imagine our mutual joy at my safe arrival. Mine, to see her familiar face, as it was dark and it was ever so nice to have her company from the depot. Hers, to know that no sad catastrophe had occurred.

I had a pleasant welcome here. Mrs. [illegible] wanted

to know what you thought of her poetry, & was much pleased to know that it pleased you.

Miss T. prepared me an oyster stew. So I had a grand supper. What a big lunch the girls put up for me!! It was splendid though, & I enjoyed it ever so much. the bread & butter were so sweet. & the meat was glorious. cut up into just the right-sized morsels. thanks to Katie. I forgot to bid good bye to little Eddie & Tommie, at the depot so here it is for them.

I thought of you all much during my journey and tried to commit you to the care of One who

is able and willing
to keep all who put
their trust in Him.
Hope Dr. Wms. will
see Ma tomorrow.
Tell little sister to
be of good courage I
will write to her soon.
Take care of yourself
Ima dear. Take the
beef tea and cream as much
and as often as you can,
& Sis too.
Now Ma dear I hope I
shall have splendid news
from you next time.
Love to Father & all
from your loving daughter
Mary.

1875

Fri eve Aug 6

Dear Mother,

We had a letter from home this A.M. I know you are anxious & I write just to let you know that Cynthia is no worse. I think she is better today than she was yesterday. She holds her own very well considering. Sweats a great deal yet. Less this P.M. though. I am giving her Psorinum. Gave it to her last week & controlled it so that she had but one sweat & that night & one in the day for one 24 hours

then we held up & they
came on strong as ever.
Commenced again last
night & She seems
better. Her Stomach is
pretty good now. & she is
cheerful. went with Wm.
& Sarah to Mrs. Jones
yesterday P.M. Had a good
time. I She is nervous
more as she used to be
in old times laughs &
cries easily, but I do
not think she seems
as much like having
one of her hard spells
as when I last wrote.
I think these sweats
are clearing her head.
Wm. does not feel
quite so well this eve.
as yesterday. Sarah &
are pretty well.

I am not very well though. Have
had a pain under my apron all day
but am better this eve - Had a lame
back yesterday (crick) is better befo
We have a good girl & she came
just at the right time for me
could not possibly have got
along now without help.
Don't worry about us. We will
let you know if there
is any cause.
Tell John Edson to be a
good boy & write to me.
Yours lovingly
Mary -

Wed. Morn.
4.45 A.M.

Dear Mother,

I have just been up with Cynthia & drop you a line that it may go by this morning's mail. Cynthia continues very poorly. she had a hard spell last night at 11 12 & 1st another ~~this~~ A.M. & at 1.15 & another at 4.30 is now in her unconscious state; we are very anxious about her. I have consulted all along with Dr. Silverthorn & shall have [illegible]

Kathleen is quite hearty again & asleep now & I must close that this may go by this morning's mail.

Cynthia may be better & all this trouble will be unknown. ~~Time~~ is me do not think it would be best or that it is necessary for you to come. We will write once more. The journey would be too much for you. This may be a crisis, which will result ...

I have an excellent girl, whom Cynthia & Sarah like very much. She thinks sis is "the sweetest little thing that ~~[illegible]~~ ever was born" & will do anything for her. -

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] her being.
Don't worry Mother dear,
she is in the Lord's
hands. We know she
is one of his. We will
do all we can for her
& make again bright.
If you could send us
some more money I
should be very glad, as
it has been very hard
for her to attend to teaching,
& sewing [illegible] while she
has been so poorly.
She had a tolerable day yesterday
only breathing as she does
when these spells are
upon her. Nothing [illegible]
with me about check.
[illegible] with me to [illegible]
[illegible] that's [illegible] & [illegible]
my [illegible] [illegible] will write
this P.M. [illegible] loving daughter
Mary.

Hence you should put
no emigrants on a
schooner ship &c if possible
Jos. May will read it

New York Feb. 26.

My dear Mother

I hope you have had my letter ere this and have been relieved of your motherly anxiety. Your letter did me a great deal of good. The more I see of the world, the more I admire the nobility and unselfishness of the members of our own dear family circle.

I was so glad to hear that the powder did Father so much good. I think that so long as the symptoms continue he had better take a powder

every night by awakening
as he falls asleep. —
I wanted to tell you a good
remedy for worms. To take a
teaspoonful of wheat flour
in a little [illegible] water
before breakfast every morning.
The worms stuff themselves
with it and pass off. [illegible]
if you have a tape worm
try it. — Has Bobbie tried
the remedy for chilblains?
Remember it is poison.
To return to the same
question. Mrs. B. told me yesterday
that her brother who died at the
age of 86. He had suffered
37 years with dyspepsia was
thought to have cancer of the
stomach, was also dropsical.
A short time before he
died he was relieved of a
worm which had four legs.

[illegible] [illegible] the Richland.
The fort Moultrie disabled
a [illegible] about as large
as a barrel full of holes.
It [illegible] to be a [illegible]
[illegible]
How is my dear Samuel? I
don't think it would pay at
all for him to come down
for two weeks only. He
would not get rested. I
wish I could see the new place
to know how well this
~~winter~~ spring but I feel
now quite unsettled. Perhaps
something will be arranged
before very long. I don't mean
to worry about myself any more.
My health is much better. I
begin to feel like myself.
If my health had been
better this winter I should
have been more anxious

for Anna to come
to me. I thought Mr. Bur-
-ck did not agree with
me as well as Brooklyn
but I guess it was the
surroundings.
Never mind, I'll take
[illegible] yet.
[illegible] is that I
will not be here more
than three or four weeks
longer. for I don't know I
have been letting the
matter rest, so as to get
my strength restored.
I've [illegible] written
to Mrs. Hines! I have
not seen them since
I had your letter.
Good bye now mother
dear with much love
to all. Your daughter
Mary.

Fri. eve.

Dear Bro: I know you will excuse this bit of paper & pencil marks, as I have [illegible] but I want to tell you that we have taken a house No. 323 W. 34th St. It is in the same block as the [illegible]. We are [illegible] about. We have it for $1500. paying the first three months in advance. Then monthly in advance. Mrs. [illegible] lends us $.600 then we must get furniture. Dr. S. has some. [illegible] bedstead. Every little helps you know. Then I shall

We do not know as we can get possession before the first of May. Prepare & come & see us as soon as possible.

[illegible] My hands sore, [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] through. Father [illegible]
[illegible] without [illegible]
know [illegible] you soon. We have both picked up
a good deal since being here. Though we have
been sick the past week. Are better now.
Attended to my practice myself today.

Mrs. Jones gave me $2.00 this eve for
Gen. from Hugh Lewis. She says she is going to
get as many as she can to pay before she goes.
She is a perfect jewel. We are both picking up &
so is she. Mrs. ~~[illegible]~~ Hogg says she thinks there is a
providence in our coming here to keep her from
being so lonely. We every day coax her in to take a
meal or two with us & it is so pleasant. then she keeps us
supplied with home made bread. Good bye mother darling. May.

Dear Mother;

I have thought so much of you during these anniversary days of Father's last illness, my heart has been at home with you all in sympathy and love. One year in Heaven! How much dear Father must have enjoyed in this! What sweet rest, what glorious communion! "Pray all death?" Although a sadness comes over me when I think of the suffering of those last days on earth, the sadness is swallowed up in a happy thankfulness for the quiet peace which he enjoyed and the full assurance of his

acceptance. Such a sweet example of patience as he left us! Patient in suffering & patient in his "longing to go home" Precious Father! How fitting a sequel ~~to~~ was his death to such a life as he had led. So pure, so earnest & truthful as he had always been, it was fit that he should take the sure promises of God & lean on them in unquestioning acceptance ~~with~~ fully assured that they would not fail him in the last extremity. I shall never cease to be thankful for having had the privilege of being with you then, and of helping to administer to his wants at that time. It was such a boon to be with him when he was so near heaven &

so heavenly, & then it was such a comfort for him to have so many of his children around him there, as you know he said to Sarah, "You are all with me." Dear Father! he had always been so kind to us all it was fitting that we should accompany ~~him~~ and support him as much as possible to the banks of the River. There the Saviour took him, & he was at rest. "Their works do follow them." His work on earth is not yet finished. We, his children, as well as others, will always be encircled with the gentle influences of his beautiful example. That will never die. I do feel so thankful for having been blessed with such holy home influences.

The more one sees of the world the more one learns to appreciate such pure truthful integrity, such earnest large hearted, unostentatious benevolence, such sincere, childlike faith & piety. May we all aim to be as pure, as true, as trustful.

It is almost a year since I have seen you Mother, and a lonely year it has been with you. although you have had a good number of your children with you. We who are away think of you often & pray for you. I often think of what you said when Father was sick, "I don't know what I should do now without my children." Well Ma, it is right that we should cluster around & comfort you all we can, for you have

315 W. 35th St.
New York, July 15. 1875

Dear Frankie;

As I was making out a bill for a patient just now, on dating it July 15. it flashed upon my mind that this was Frankie's birthday! The second thought was,—I will write to him!! Was it not a happy circumstance, the making out of that bill? Is it possible Frank that you are twenty years old? I remember when your Father was twenty-one, how he marched about the house with all the dignity

I send you my photo. They say it is pretty much like me, though the drapery about the head gives me rather an older look than I carry about usually.

Give bushels of love to your Father & Robbie reserving several for yourself & write soon to your loving Auntie Mary.

which his new honors
entitled him to, and enter-
tained us youngsters by saying
"I am a king"!! I am a king:
I marched around after him
and thought it a mighty nice
thing to be a big brother and
a king!!! Well, one year more
and, if your life is spared,
you will be one of the
sovereigns of the land. I
hope your vote will always
be cast on the right side.
and that you will be a
splendidly Noble Man.
Wonder what you are doing
today. What kind of a life
are you living? Are you
with your Father this Summer
making the most of the fi-
nes farms or are you trying
your fortune elsewhere?

Your Father & Robbie must be
lonely when you are absent.
How are you all in health?
I think if some of you
would write me quite fully
the symptoms of your ague
I might perhaps better
know what to send you
for it. In treating these
Intermittents it is im-
portant to know all the
symptoms, before, during & after
the paroxysm & also the
symptoms when the fever
is off, or "during the
apyrexia" as we physicians
say. Tell about the thirst
& c. &c &c. How would you
you like to be a Doctor?
Little Eddie had quite a
notion of it when I was
studying, and often said

he would be Aunt Mary's assistant but one day, after I had taken my degree, I had quite a long talk with Father, showed him my thesis & diploma &c. Eddie sat listening to it all, as demurely as you please, when all at once he slapped his hand upon his knee, exclaiming, "I will not be a Doctor!" "Why?" said I, quite astonished, "Well," said he, "I didn't know they had to write a thesis and graduate and all that, it's too much ~~work~~ trouble." Maybe he will change his mind yet, for I think he would make a capital Doctor.

Graefenberg, May 26th/57
Tuesday morn.

Dear Jennie,

Your kind letter I rec'd last eve. and hasten to reply. In regard to Sabbath privileges, at present the pupils attend church about 3/4 of a mile distant. It is a small Methodist church. This is in the morning, in the afternoon, they have a Bible lesson, and also the Episcopal service, all but the sermon, conducted by Mrs. Holland. They have family prayers every morning etc. Mrs. H. leads. The prayers are read. she being an Episcopalian. Mrs. H. intends

[illegible]

as soon as the new school room (which is a noble one) is finished to have a minister here every Sabbath, and regular service at least once a day.
The school is for young Ladies though there is one nephew of Mrs. H's, son of Hon. Caleb Lyon an interesting boy, nearly fifteen, five of the young ladies are nieces of Mrs H's from 13 to 17, three young ladies day schollars. — an interesting class I think. Mrs. Sanford says the prospects are pretty good for the coming year & that if you wish for the situation you had better apply as Mrs. H. is feeling quite solicitous in regard to obtaining a teacher for the coming year, now is just the time to apply, as she is vascillating as it were, and has no one especially in view. Mrs. S. says, "as she is so far superior to Miss Lines. I think she can secure the scholars and will be the best teacher Mrs. H. can get. —

The character of the school will depend very much on the teacher, as the school is in its infancy, the plans are not thoroughly digested yet. Mrs. H. wishes and is resolved to have a good Seminary and takes the deepest interest in every thing pertaining to the Seminary, still her own ideas are rather crude that is, she would depend very much on the teacher if she was a person who could plan and originate and carry out, with her assistance. She is much loved by teachers and pupils, — as you would expect from her affability and kindness of manner. —

Dear Jennie, I do not wish to urge you to leave Remsen. You have there a good sch-

for usefulness. You are there
where you and your family are
well known. Father's standing
and influence will of course
help yours. You have attained a
pretty good start there, and
future terms might not be
so laborious as the last two
You know when a school is once
established it will go on more
pleasantly with less labor than
at first. —

You have labored and are
laboring ~~too~~ hard and I do not
think you can endure it
long without a complete break
down, and I know why that
is too well to be willing ~~must~~ that you should suffer
so. — If you do not continue
at Remsen, I think this
situation would be a pleasant
one for you, and not very laborious
with a good compensation. —
Mrs. Sanford thinks of leaving us
today — We are having delightful
weather. the air is soft and
mild. — vegetation is starting
forth we all enjoy this weather
so much. Sophronia has been
to see me, & am so glad she means
to make you a visit. The stage is
with me ... day and night.

N[illegible] Hamilton.
Aug 21, 1858

Sister Jennie

Thank you much for your kind sisterly letter. It did me good I assure you to hear from you again. I had almost begun to think that my poor letters were not worth answering. – What next I expect to see our home again. [illegible] had a pleasant visit and here, should have enjoyed it more had my health been better. It has not been quite as good this spring as last winter, but is better than [illegible] but I am so much better however than I have been that I should not complain. Oh the comfort dear sister, not to [illegible] yourself [illegible] to [illegible] the heart [illegible] take no [illegible] in the [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] health [illegible]

most the remaining part with her studies. Have you decided about going to Kansas? How glad they would be to see you! I should like right well to go out if I was a little stronger. I hope [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] I should be unwilling to go there and be with them adding to their burdens, which are heavy enough already. I hope [illegible] to [illegible] along and enable them to have a more prosperity. I hope you will [illegible] [illegible] himself, and will decide to remain. It does not seem to me that it would ^not be wrong, be [illegible] a good opportunity for usefulness, and the compensation is good, it would seem a pity to lose it.

Lizzie wants me to say that she remembers those things you gave her when you were here. She sends her love to you and Aunt Anna who used to make [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] things.

Goodbye, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your [illegible]

Mary

Wed. December [illegible]

Dearest [illegible]

The letter of Tellie's came Saturday evening and I thought I would send it in with a note. When it came to hand, I thought from the postmark that it was from Dutch, and you may imagine how quickly I tore it open, and to my great disappointment I found that it was from a girl with whom I was not even acquainted; I did indeed read it through, hoping to find something about our sister. Dear Sarah, she seems still to be [illegible] & hope she may soon be well. You will probably see Tellie, will you not? They have indeed been deeply afflicted and my heart sympathizes with them.

We knew before the morning that we started, the Angel of Death seemed to hover over us, about to take a sister from our midst. She still lingered with us, all ready and waiting almost impatiently for Jesus to come, and take her home; until last night about three minutes before twelve, when we saw the spirit must leave its clay, she expressed a strong desire to [illegible] on the beautiful Sabbath, and she had her wish [illegible] their Sabbath [illegible] She [illegible] Eternal Sabbath rest.

[illegible] interesting; So you see, we can have [illegible] Miss [illegible] says she is perfectly willing [illegible] as bad as we could [illegible] duty [illegible] as much [illegible] at [illegible] as far as [illegible] reasons [illegible] and Saturday evening [illegible] Miss [illegible] Smith was [illegible] & recess meeting [illegible] evening I mistook the bell, and Saturday evening I was in Miss [illegible] Hope [illegible] the bell [illegible] upper hall, [illegible] middle room, and it [illegible] a small family, I don't know exactly the [illegible] I did not [illegible] [illegible]

Her friends have not yet arrived, we expected them certainly on Saturday evening, and now fear that the telegraphic dispatch did not reach them. Mr. Hawks has gone to Springfield today to communicate with them by telegraph and ascertain whether they wish her remains to be brought home or not.

You know Miss Scott did not go home last vacation, and was designing to go Friday morning with her sister, and of course anticipated a very happy time. About half [illegible] before she was going to start, Miss Hopes expressed a wish that Miss Scott might be with her all the time, so Miss S. relinquished the pleasure of going home, and with Gertrude most of the time until she died. She could not be easy unless Miss S. was by her side night and day. Miss Scott has not yet left, perhaps she will go tomorrow though I do not know. She said Friday morning that she was not going till [illegible] morning, and that is all I know about it. I am a little impatient to get your letter, at least I will be if it does not come Tuesday night. [illegible] you dont know what a nice time we are having. We can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible] as if we were at home. Miss Johnson has been sick with a severe cold which has settled in her head, and has not been down to table since yet, she is better today [illegible]. I took her breakfast to her [illegible] and this morning. Miss [illegible] has the care of us, and [illegible] all very [illegible] good. Miss [illegible] Friday evening at supper table after [illegible] had gone, she talked to us a little and said that she hoped we would have a happy vacation and a profitable one. She thought we ought to read a great deal, take a good deal of time to sleep &c. and [illegible] we would have a few regulations and she would ask us [illegible] at table a few questions. She [illegible] these, "tardy in retiring": she hoped [illegible] retire late, we might sleep as long as we wished in the morning if we were only present in season at the breakfast table which is at [illegible] "Tardy at, and absent from table." "Tardy at, & absent from [illegible]" this was very important in order to have every thing done pleasantly and nicely. She hoped that every thing would be nicely prepared for the table &c. and we would all endeavor to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] along, and in order that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] till [illegible] evening, we need not [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 15 minutes before breakfast [illegible]

was wrong. She went home I suppose
what has cured her. [illegible] she would have
been cured from a settled form of the
bad slipped. Sister Pounds writes Mrs. Steed
tastes poorly, but Mrs. [illegible] was getting
quite well in a three weeks course.
Glad Mrs. Lowes is getting along so well
Mrs [illegible] also.

If Sarah is able I would like very
much to have her "settle the fee" but
if not will be content to hear from her
per. Cynthia or Mary. [illegible] to her
her. I think a great deal more of her
since I [illegible] before I [illegible]
knew there would [illegible] until I went there.

[illegible] If it
be true "Conjugal [illegible]
[illegible]" we may hope for [illegible]
[illegible]

I think an enjoyment in spiritual

things in the [illegible]. I felt a [illegible] last, as it were, while I [illegible] that I felt at times I was forsaken of God but he kindly remembers me though you [illegible] — the lady I still have the best, the richest of blessings." "I ask no higher state" Indeed no but is this" To know that I am one of "Christ's little flock" would be a [illegible] treasure; worth more than health and all the treasures earth affords. O let us "live not unto ourselves but unto Christ who has bought us with his own blood." If we can glorify God it is enough.

Let us pray much for each other & for our kind [illegible], I do earnestly hope ere long he will become a praying man. United prayers do much, let us pray fervently.

I must now close as it is nearly dark & I am very tired.

Please write very soon if you can if it is not asking too much of a [illegible]. Love to all. Tell Sarah please answer the question I asked about her letter in the Circular if she is able, I am anxious to know. Wish you "Happy new year" Cynthia.

Mary

P.S. Direct Sheldon Vt.

Home, June, 25.

Dear Jane

We received your letter last friday night. I should have answered it before, but I waited hoping that Sarah could help to write "full pages three". She has not felt able to as yet, and mother says I must delay no longer. We we happy to hear that you were better, but were disappointed to learn that you were yet unable to resume your studies. We fear that you have been worse than you were willing to let us know. I am sitting in the parlor at the breakfast table while writing, putting the food to my mouth with one hand and holding my pen with the other. Elizabeth and I eat with Sarah. They talk so fast, that I can hardly hear myself think. But I am digressing. We fear that you will not be able to study much this term, and as it closes so soon, dont you think you had better come home now, so as to recruit well against next year? Mother says, if you think you had better come, she will come for you as soon as we get an answer to this. You must be very careful, dear Jennie, not to study too soon. We think that if you stay there, you will be anxious about your studies and undertake to resume them too soon; and thus make yourself down sick again. Do Jane, come home. But you know best how you are &c. &c. How can we be thankful enough to dear Harriet for her kindness to you — She must be a dear good girl. I wish I could see and form an aquaintance with her. It seems as though

were already acquainted with her. Sarah says if you dont come home, you must tell just exactly how you are, in your next, and we all join in the request. Oh! dear! my writing is going from miserable to miserabler and if I go on at this rate, I shall get to the superlative degree pretty soon, dont you think so? Henry has given me a better pen, and now I shall improve. We are all pretty well, only Elizabeth says she is mad! because you have not written ~~one~~ to her since you have been away! It is twenty five minutes of nine, and I must hasten to school. I was over to Mr. Robert's last night. Mary is getting better, but is still very weak and the fever has not entirely subsided. Mr. R. it is hoped is some better, but his case is yet quite critical. Margaret is gaining. She was up here yesterday. Mary Thomas is better talks of commencing her school again in a few days. Mrs. Thomas is sick now, worn out I suppose, and Laura and Kate both come home sick with the measles last week. They are doing pretty well. I believe Mary has had your letter. Good bye I must go.

with very much love, Mary.

I send $6 in this, lest you think best to come immediately (and feel able too.) We sent $5 in our last dated June 18 – a week today. Please write as soon as you receive this, write, if it only 2 or 3 lines – don't wait to write a long letter. You had best not to start alone unless you feel quite confident that you can come without getting sick on the way. – This comes from your Pa & Ma with our united love to you.

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Miss Jane Everett
Mt. Holyoke Seminary
South Hadley
Mass.

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My dear [illegible]

Wednesday afternoon.

[illegible] I [illegible] the [illegible] of my [illegible] my heart [illegible] for [illegible] I [illegible] them [illegible] to [illegible]. [illegible] I wish I was there [illegible] you [illegible]

[illegible] so much of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] you are [illegible] yourself [illegible] I think [illegible] glad [illegible] letter from you [illegible] that you felt so lonely [illegible] will like it better when you get into the regular classes. [illegible] write often and tell me how you get along. We all feel [illegible] to hear from you often [illegible] suppose [illegible] you [illegible] did not [illegible] realize that you were gone so far [illegible] your letters. [illegible] though you [illegible] in a few days. [illegible] the distance is not so great [illegible] [illegible]

by the kindly aid of pen ink and paper. Sarah would have
written to you last week but her old tormentor Mr. Tooth ache
has been to pay her another visit which so absorbed her attention
that she could hardly sleep much less write letters to her
[illegible] friends. But [illegible] I wish she could summon
courage to [illegible] [illegible] his visits, once for all, [illegible]
[illegible] of him. [illegible] seems to be preparing for his departure
after which you will certainly hear from Sarah. She is
much better today.

Thursday morning

I commenced this letter yesterday but was not able to finish it.
[illegible] [illegible], and Grandpa & [illegible], and Aunt Anna and
[illegible] went down to [illegible] last [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible]. Our little nephew and his [illegible] are doing finely.
Elizabeth [illegible] dinner with them Wednesday, in Mrs. [illegible]
kitchen. She has not been out yet. John Henry they keep in
[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] thinks they ought to call him Moses.
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in his own [illegible] cradle with his [illegible]
[illegible] cradle [illegible] which Sarah sent down with [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] little spoons and [illegible] little, what do you think
[illegible]! she sent but one [illegible]. [illegible] might [illegible]
the [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] two letters from Robert last week, [illegible]
[illegible] getting along well with his business. He has [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] brother [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] who was at school last
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sign and other improvements which I
suppose he has told you of.

Aurora, afternoon.

I had to leave this this morning to go [illegible] [illegible] breakfast
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the village [illegible]

[illegible] father is waiting and so I must
finish this short and write soon again. Sarah is getting
better of her toothache. (The Doctor [illegible] to day. He speaks
very encouragingly about Sarah. He wants her to walk [illegible]
every day and thus he says she will gradually gain strength.
When you write I want to know when you study, what hour
you recite &c. How do you manage to be alone for study and
meditation when you have two roommates? [illegible]
[illegible] your examination and how is your health?
[illegible] says she thinks you can have a [illegible]
[illegible] our kitchen stove if you should [illegible]
[illegible] soon. Mrs. Benjamin of [illegible] died yesterday after-
noon very suddenly of dropsy on the heart. [illegible]
us now will stay till Saturday. [illegible]
with his [illegible]. He has [illegible]
has the sofa [illegible] on hand besides the [illegible].
I send the [illegible] with fathers [illegible]
are very sorry I neglected to send it before.

With much love to you from all and
particularly from me. I remain [illegible]

Your affectionate [illegible]

Roxbury NY
Oct 19

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Miss Jane Everett
Mt. Holyoke Sem
South Hadley
Mass.

Home, Oct. 30, 1858.
Sat-eve.

Sister Jennie;

You were so kind to write me so long a letter in answer to such a little note, I assure you it did me good. I understand your feelings well when you speak of good kind home letters being so warmly appreciated. Never is true heart felt sympathy more precious than when we are sick, and among strangers. Is it not so dear sister. It was with me. More than once has a letter full of cheering and sympathizing

work, done me more good than a week's treatment.– I am very glad that you are together, it is so much more pleasant than it would be for one of you alone. It will be lonely for you after Sarah comes home, but I suppose you are pretty well acquainted by this time. Have you become acquainted with Miss Stevens. If you have, give my love to her. I have been intending to write to her, but perhaps I may before long. She was very kind to me while I was there and cheered many hours which would otherwise have been very lonely.–

My health improved much while I was away. I have stood the work and bustle very well indeed considering.

You know there is always too much excitement &c. at home for my nerves. and now we have had an extra share, company &c. but still I feel nearly as well as when I returned. rather more nervous. guess we will all have an easier time next week. — Mother is about most of the time, is about as lame as she was with her hip last winter. Sarah will remember. I am _so_ glad you are improving. Will we not have cause for thankfulness if we all get well at last. — May God bless you dear sisters and keep you from all harm, and restore you again to us with greatly improved health. —

Much love from

Mary.

Tuesday Morn,

Dear Daughter

I have a few min-
=utes to write am glad you are
both improving, My limb is
getting better am able to go around
pretty well I bathe it with
arnica since Saturday, got
Sarah's letter last eve thank her
for it and for offering to come
home to help us, Ellin says
she will have to go after
next week, you both know
best when S. can leave there
father will send some money
will you have enough to pay
for you perhaps you can not
tell yet if it will be best for
Sarah to stay longer if you
both think ~~it be if you~~
so too rather than fail of the
object, Love from each at home
and from Mother E Everitt

Kinsman Jan. 11. 1866

My dear Sister,

Your *very welcome* letter came to hand this evening, and now at 11 1/2 I begin to write a few lines in return. We have not set our hearts much upon the cocoanuts, so that if they are high or poor we will agree with you in thinking it best not to get ~~any~~. As to the ginger nuts, if you do not get any, please order something else in their place — that is get *two* kinds of small cakes, one kind frosted — and if cousin Mary has a good ~~recipe~~ recipe for gingernuts, get a copy — it will be convenient another time. I think we shall not have time to make any now before Donation. We

We are much obliged to cousin Mary for all her trouble — Love to her and family — When shall we see them up here.

have made two kinds of loaf cakes but no small cakes. Monday we hope to frost one kind & to make tarts — If you cannot get the cakes ready for you to bring them up Monday, perhaps you will have to wait till Tuesday. We are getting quite anxious to see you and of course the sooner you come the better it will please us — we want your help and your opinion about matters & things.

Ellen will be glad to have you get her a spool of majestic corn colored sewing silk to quill her hood with; and I shouldn't wonder if you had better get one for me too unless you see some prettier color. Anna think you had not better get anything for a hood for Nell, under the circumstances.

If you think you can tell the size [Mary thinks its No. 7) we

wish you to get her a muff for $3.50
i.e. the best beaver or seal skin muff you can
find in the city — also enquire the
price of sealskin overcoats.

We shall be happy to see those of
our Utica friends who shall favor
us with their presence Thursday night.

Mother says Uncle got the raisins
and candles for us last year and
perhaps he will be kind enough
to aid you in getting them this
year and assist in getting the things to the depot — have a bill made out
of the things you get —

You remember you took a bag down
to get crackers in — do not forget to
have ~~them~~ put in it. Mother thinks
it will be large enough to hold them
and papers would be apt to break —

~~If you find that you have by order Jimmy to
stay till Tuesday — I wish you could
look at lamps and if you find a
very pretty one for the parlor, and
it will not be too much trouble~~

New York June 7/72.

Dear Jennie

Yours is just rec'd.
and I hasten to reply. I hope
you will not consider me
heartless, but if I should
come just for a day or two
it would amount to nothing
as Sis might be entirely well
or as well as usual during
that time, and perhaps have
another attack as soon as
I leave. It would be
much better for me to stay
a week or so longer, and then
come and stay quite a
while so as to do her some
good. Perhaps it would
be best for Dr. Jacobson
to see her. I am trying to
act what misfortune

I can in regard to such cases & will bend my energies in the direction of her cure during the summer.

I send a few powders of Plat. which helped her last summer. You know she had no attack for a long time after that.

Put a powder in water and let her take a dose every 4 hours. during the week before menses. When one gets stale she can fix a fresh one. If Dr. Gardner sees her you will of course tell him of her taking this.

Give Father a few doses of acon. also the rest of you

Good bye with very much love from Mary.—

I am writing this in Dr. ... Hall's office

My. Feb. 22/78.

Dear Jennie,

I send [illegible] Crud. for Father [illegible] be the thing for him, especially if there is alternate diarrhea & constipation. Give him night & morning, or oftener, till you see effect. This is all medicated so you can put in a vial, & make into powders ad libitum (don't know as I spelled it rightly so will ~~Englishif~~ Englishify it, as you please)

I knew I was forgetting something in that last letter

Father had better take a powder [illegible] the morning [illegible] in again [illegible] as it is only for [illegible] alternating [illegible] of [illegible] expect [illegible] love & [illegible] Jennie [illegible] Mary. My love [illegible]

& it was a [illegible] [illegible] sight of
that picture. It is very good &
looks well with [illegible]. But
why did she not have it taken
with her silk dress on? You
know people do not get have
their silk dresses taken on their
wedding trip every day of their
lives! & I wanted to see how
that new dress looked. Never
mind though, the face is good.
the best I think she has ever
had except the one taken
in bed. Did you really
<u>care</u> to take the hint about
"a little bit more" money, though
it had not occurred to me
before. Of course a little
bit more of such stuff is

things are a flutter! However, I have a little more in my pocket now than when my last letter was written.

I am sorry to say that I have neglected to see about [illegible] certificate. Will do so & also have the address of Record changed. Wish you would send me a little of that cake. Will it keep to next summer. I [illegible] see Maria Pugh [illegible]. She called one day [illegible] not during Office hours, & of course I was out. [illegible] do you hear again from [illegible]? Has he a Homoeopathic physician!

Sis, darling, I think you are a brave little girl! That is right. We'll not give up the ship!!

I think it would be well to
take a dose or two when you
are having your sweat, but I
don't be expecting symptoms
too much, do as I would you
[illegible] as if you are about
feeling well, when you begin
to have any forebodings & think
yourself a wicked sinner &c &c
then take a dose & [illegible] to some
emphasis of it!! That's the way to
do the thing!!! We'll see if we
[and get you all out of there]
can't Master it I get it. Would you
tell me the nature of your
diarrhea so that I might advise
in regard to it.—
How is your general health [illegible]?
Have you taken any exercise
lately?

333 W. 34th St. N.Y.

Apr. 20. /74.

Dear Jennie & Ma:

Here we are in our precious new home. It seems dear to us already. We have carpeted the first floor. Reception room & Office with passage way between & will send you a wee bit. It is Tapestry Brussels $1.50 pr. yd. We thought we must have this floor look nicely as there is so much in appearance, in this great city. Dr. Wright has come in today with the rest of her room & the same amt. which we

Good bye, good bye with bushels of love from Anna & Mary. How did little sister feel after her last powder. How is Anna this spring? Mrs. Jones sends a great deal of love. I have described the carpet in Miriam's [illegible] letter.

were paying. Our rent will
be reduced to $. 1130,00. that
we think we will be able
to meet at least after
things started. Mrs. Jones
thinks we will. She
says others have, & why may
we not?

The two months rent which
we paid was from May 1st
to July 1st. & our lease is
from May 1st to May 1st. and
as we have come in two
weeks earlier than the
promised time, they would
like the rent of this ½ month
now. So that cramps us a
little more now, but will
make us all right till July.
We would like $. 150. or $. 200
if ~~she~~ Jennie can spare it right away
it would accommodate

us very much. Mrs. Jones
says from now to the 1st
of May furniture &c will be
very cheap & it will pay for
us to make a strike now
get our rooms ready as
soon as possible & trust
to Providence for the
future. If Father could
let me have $.50. I should
be glad. that would leave
enough for the next
payment. I must write
to Lewis. Cant some
of you come & see us
this spring? We have lots
of room now. I am
feeling very well indeed
Coming here where is so
much breathing room is
the next thing to going into
the country. -

I am glad you have a girl engaged but sorry she has had the Scarlet-Fever. It is such a trouble-some disease. She must be careful not to take cold for at least three Months. Hope the girls will have an easier time now & that some of them can come & see us. —

We rather think now that we will keep ~~the~~ one parlor & expect for the other with privilege of former $13,50 pr. week. then we have three others, for which we expect $12, $11, & $10. pr. week. and another little one for $3.50. So if we rent them all we will come out ahead & {&c cover gas & coal bills. servants hire

New York Mar. 12/75

Dear Jennie;

I returned the cap yesterday & bought a Mink Muff for Jennie Griffith for $.30. It is a very nice one indeed as nice as any I saw. The $.25. one was not so nice & I thought Jennie would rather & had better give the other $.5. Now she can pay you the $.30. & you send me the extra $.18. I had it billed to Eddie, but told them that the money might be

Fri. Morn Annie's letter just rec'd as I was about to close this. Singing book returned to 11th St last Sabbath. Will answer the rest of the letter very soon. Am anxious to mail this soon. Am getting rested nicely.

Mary

Ma had better take Nux & Arnica.

paid to me & if so I would hand it over to them on his acct. Have not attended to John Hair a Mothers cak yet but will as soon as possible. Thought I had better attend to the furs first as the season is advancing & I wanted to return the cak. They made no objections.

Now Good bye & let me hear from you soon. —
Bushels of love to all from
May & Eddie

333 W. 34th st.
N.Y. Sept 16/73

Dear Jennie;

Yours came this morning & I intended to have answered today but I have been out a great part of the day. Have been looking some for an Office & tried some to collect bills, (it mostly came before I was aware of it) Did not succeed with the latter. Don't know whether we have hit on the right spot for an Office or not. Am feeling better this one than I have for a week.

I am sorry you feel so badly

If I have just an Office Jennie, it will not hinder me from having one of the girls come down to stay awhile & rest. as we could both occupy the same room. and have a good time. without being to any great expense.

Now Jennie dear shall I dispose of your set if I can? Do you want any bedding at home? Hope I shall have a letter tomorrow in answer to my last. Good bye with love from your loving sister Mary.

one then & slept on the floor.

about my going up the house, but if you were here I think it would appear differently to you. I think I shall begin to pay off my debts much sooner by having an Office than by keeping the house. I did hope to be able to rent the house & retain my office here, but the agt. did not succeed in letting it for me in that way. He said there was a prejudice against having a lady physician in the house which stood in the way. I shall have to sacrifice in my furniture I know, but it seems best to sacrifice a good deal in bunch & then know where you stand, than to have a sinking fund by you all the time & as Sis says, "not

Then I have been hoping the panic would be over, but things don't look that way now at all. So I must retrench.

with one of the girls

know how low you are going.
Dr. Griffith will be here
next week to help me straighten
affairs. Just write a note to
that effect. Although
all the folks in the house
are sorry to have me break
up, still they all say they
think I am wise to do so. & ~~that~~ they wonder that I have
held on so long.

After getting your letter I felt
very badly but as the house is
already let, cannot now help
myself. You see I was cornered
and obliged to give an immediate
answer, either to promise to
pay the full rent for the remainder
of the year or give up the house.
I could not even have time to
consult Mrs. Jones, and I
could not promise to pay the
full rent, with what prospects

with one of the girls with me to oversee them would be
the leaks that there were last to write [illegible] then would

I had before me without borrowing more money, which I was not willing to do. & really did not know as I could. I certainly could not have the face to ask you or Mrs. Jones for any more or Anna either, for times will not I think be any easier the coming winter. Food will be dearer I think, & I should get no more for board. You see those who keep a great many boarders can afford cheaper board than those who keep a few, as they get things by wholesale. & I should have to compete with them.
Last winter when my house was full & I had a world of trouble, aside from receipts which cancelled a part of the outlay, I had to pay 8.70. per. month for office privilege & that I shared with

New York, May 5th 1876

Dear Fannie:

Your letter has made me very sad, and anxious also about the loved ones at home. It almost makes me want to run home & help Dr. Mrs. take care of the sick ones. How does Anna stand it? I feel anxious about her as also about you all. How is Aleigh Jones? She has been in my mind very much since your letter came. She was so much exhausted, the disease must have taken severe hold.

How is Mrs. Jones? My love
to her, as well as to all
the dear ones who have
been so afflicted. I carry
them all in prayer to the
Great Healer & Comforter.
I want you all to be pretty
free with <u>acon.</u> these days. It
is such a splendid remedy &
also may ward off the 1st
symptoms of cold &c. For
pneumonia it is invaluable in
1st stages. Think of Lycop. if on
right side. Am sorry I did
not try it for Father. It seems
to suit a <u>very large</u> no. of
patients this year, with
different complaints. The
agg. from 4–8 P.M. is my
market. Phos. & Bry. & Bell.
are also great chest remedies.
Kali Bichrom helped me in
some cases. Expectoration <u>tough</u>.

Keep up good heart! Be as cheerful as you can! The Good Father rules over all. Yesterday P.M. I saw Miss Roberts cousin of Ellen Williams who married Chas Jones. She was feeling much sympathy for her. Remember me to her kindly & in much sympathy. Love to Sammie, Carrie and all the rest.

I think the study will be preferable for Hattie's friend with the head of the bed towards the sitting room, ~~should~~ and short muslin curtains on a string across the lower half of the window. That would look so neat & make the room more retired. O, how I should like to be there a week to help you fix up. Don't hurt yourselves. Take it easy, & things will come

in shape. It seems as though it would be best to have Mattie's bed in your room, but if in Mother's room she would be nice company for Ma & Anna. When are they all coming? Where are Lizzie & Frank? O, what a good time you will have visiting. So the Spring beauties have not been so foolish as to open their eyes yet? Well I remember once on a time, that I picked spring beauties in our own woods on the 10th of April! That was when I was young and Cynthia was younger!

I think you had better take a dose of Graph. 3m. 3 ~~times~~ times: at 10 A.M. at 3 P.M. & on retiring then let it work. Must close now. Good bye with warmest love to all. Write again soon

Mary

Mrs. [illegible], she is one of my patients & they are obliging me a little. At the [illegible] I feel stronger to have one good square meal a day. I have Broma for ~~breakfast~~ & something else without much trouble. breakfast & then suppers are easily dispensed of, & I get along nicely. Am feeling quite well & rested. Good bye with a great deal of love to all. Do write Ellen. Do [illegible] should [illegible] much [illegible]. [illegible] is the last [illegible]?

[illegible] day,

the first did not make me feel much better, it sounded so sad and lonely, but the tone of the last one was so much more cheery that my heart came up with a bound. As to my coming home, if you are all comfortable and can keep fully cheery, so as to write me a cheerful letter once in a while, I think it will be best for me to remain at least for the winter. I am quite encouraged at [illegible] practice,

and think the prospect is better
than ever before. Have been
called to five new families
within a few days. and
have lost none of my patients
I think. Have one or two more
yet to see. Of course I lost a good
deal while absent & some, cannot
tell how many new ones, but
it is exceedingly gratifying to find
myself so well [illegible] to stand
[illegible] adverse storms. Have
[illegible] my way since returning,
and think that well considering.
Have made no effort as yet to
[illegible]. [illegible] not so soon.
[illegible] Vernon [?] wish we could
be together. Perhaps the way
will soon be clear so as to be
so. I cannot help thinking that
[illegible] will be here with [illegible].

it. I do think Ma would enjoy
our church. The Ladies prayer
meeting she would like, & also the
other prayer meetings, it is so
[illegible] & interesting. It is very
pleasant to have with you [illegible] to
have a church home & a pastor.
I have answered Ethel's letter.
Won't she be delighted if I [illegible]
[illegible] him? I am glad you are
getting out some, to the [illegible]
meeting & elsewhere. That [illegible]
will be a great comfort to you.
[illegible]
[illegible] Sarah & Will have started
[illegible] for [illegible], are [illegible]
[illegible] on their way. [illegible]
[illegible]ll enjoy their trip & their stay.
And Maggie did not go! I was sorry
to hear, but hope she will [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and Jackie

but hope he will leave even
so much this winter. Saw Dr.
Finch last evening at a Medical
meeting, but did not speak to him.
Met Dr. Cross also in the street
the other day & exchanged bows.
Am glad you had so kind a letter
from John. I knew he would
be more than willing to sign
the paper. He will do it gladly.
My regards & congratulations to
Pierce's new boy, his father,
mama & little brother. Am
glad Jim Watkins has been
rec'd at last. Hope he will have
grace to persevere to the end.
Mrs. Jones is much better.
Has gone to Newburgh today. She
sends Eight dollars for Sam.
which is all that is due for this
year. I have a P.O. order for it
& will send tomorrow.

New York May 3d /99

Dear Sister Jennie;

Yours was rec'd some time since. I am much pleased with the inscriptions as now arranged. And thought myself of the form that Lewis suggested, but did not know which was best. In your copying, you have omitted the date of Father's birth - Jan. 2, 1781 but I have no doubt it was only your mistake in copying & that they will not leave it out. Another mistake you have, is in Robert's & [illegible], you have them just reversed.

Sarah read it for yourself and then it can be returned to Jennie Cooke. I hope she will like it. I had not much time to look around. that was the prettiest I saw. Good bye to all of you. [illegible] I treated myself to a scarlet [illegible] Lobelia as they call it. [illegible] it is. They look lovely in the [illegible].

the date of their deaths you
have right. Henry ~~was~~
was born Aug. 5, 1832,
& Robert was born July 18,
1822. Just that mistake
might be in their copy. I
telegraphed Mr. Evans
to delay Robert's & Henry's
inscriptions till he should
hear from me, & then
wrote a card informing
him of the mistake. I
did not notice the omission
of date of Father's birth till
just now. Will write
another card to enquire
if that is all right.
The cards will both
reach him tomorrow morning
May 4th. I think we will
all be satisfied, do you not?
I should have been pleased to

have talked it over with you
but do not think we could
have done better. You say the
[illegible] inscriptions are to be on the
South side towards the church.
You mean of course the west
side. as you speak also of its then
being on South side towards
road. I am greatly relieved &
much pleased with the form as
it is now. How does Mother like
it? and the rest? As to the
Motto, I think Sarah [illegible] better
see to that. We can all be
thinking however, and present
our contributions, and then
decide which we like best.
I went yesterday to see Mr. L.
W. Lewis about the butter.
& the report you will get tonight.
I told him it was a shame
to have that beautiful butter

If you don't gain Anna. I think you had better just come back till
warm weather. Am sorry I let you go just now, when the meal is so fresh

[illegible] get rested. I think you will feel better [illegible] like as possible. [illegible] Friends all enquire for you very kindly & often. [illegible]

pictures [illegible] the baskets too. Have not pasted the nice pictures on yet, but told Mrs. Jones that I had one for her. She dotes on hers. It is just lovely. and so is mine. We had a new time in prayer meeting last evening No. 74. It is beautiful. also No. 72. The subject was, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ"

Oh! Annie! I want to tell you how my beautiful parasol handle top came to grief the other day. I was hurrying to my dinner, with parasol in hand, but not often, swinging it a little of course, just a little, when down it went, striking on the stone pavement, & falling over, that lovely under top hit the stone, and broke off!! Wasn't I sorry! well I carried it about mournfully two days [illegible] today, the thought struck me [illegible]

Triple cement, perhaps! So it is now undergoing the process of setting.

back I thought of the Blind
Inst. & went in & inquired of
Mrs. Dr. Waite. She said
they did buy & use a great
deal of butter, but as she
had a brother-in-law in the
butter business they got all
theirs of him. On telling
me his name. I recognized
it as one where I used to
get my butter years ago when
I was attending college & was
living on that side of town.
* He said it was good butter
& he wanted pay 2 cts for
it. as that extra cent would
about pay for bringing it, I
felt paid for my jaunt
across town
* I jumped ahead of my story
a little. Mrs. Dr. Waite said
I might tell Mr. Ambler
that she sent me, &
she was sure he would
give me the Market price

[illegible]

so in that way. & I think he
was somewhat ashamed.
but dont let mother worry
about it, and dont you
fret. we might have greater
losses than that i— I went
this morning to see what I could
do about the other butter.
Mr. Frey offered 20 cts for it
here, Mr. Walker said he
would pay 22 cts, cash. They
both said it was good butter.
Mr. Walker said if it would keep
you could get a better price for
it bye & bye as it was some yellow
& looked a little like grass butter.
Butter is low now. as the hay
butter will not generally keep.
& there is a good deal in market
I then went to Mr. Scholes, but he
was out & might not be
in till Sat. evening. On coming

I see by looking at the paper
today that he has given me
above the market price for
[illegible] which is, [illegible] to [illegible]
18 to 21. State dairy, select
invoices 21-22. State
creamery is 25. ~~That is
the highest~~ I told Mr.
Ambler that if you sent it,
you would probably do so the
first of the week. & he
said any time you might
send it & he would give
best for it. What are they
paying in Remsen? I don't
know whether it would be
best to keep it longer or not.
If you send, you will of course
have to bear the expense
of carriage, which must be
deducted. I will send Mr.
Amblers card. & you can

so as you like. I hardly think I could sell to families now, this spring butter, If I could, I could get a better price of course. I think we will let commission Merchants ahead after this, at least that is my feeling just now. Has not Mr. Lewis sold our butter formerly & has he not done tolerably well? I am thoroughly out of patience with him now, for keeping it so long, but you can tell Mother that I was not cross about it to him, only he saw that I was much grieved.

Tell Anna that I have put my Motto in the frame it looks beautifully. Everybody

[illegible] June 1st '77

Dear Jennie;

Your letter of May 28 was very welcome. It was good and full, and seemed like old times. I have been such a goose as to worry myself almost sick about you all that there. I am a goose & "that's the truth"! Am glad that Anna is gaining some, Does she take wine now? I think she ought to pretty freely, till she is stronger. I don't know but I must do the same. Am not feeling very strong, though

Am glad mother has commenced riding out so there [?]. She can go to church. Have a chair there for her to sit in. I think I must try & get a copy of [illegible] Quarterly. Where is it published? My love to Aunt Jane & Cousin Lizzie when you write. Am glad you are having those dresses fixed over. I think they will do nicely. Good bye now with much love. I must write to Anna.

Mary.

"they say" that I am looking
well. It would be well for
you to have a linen duster to
wear to travel. Can you get one
there, or in Ithaca? The prettiest
that I saw last summer were
long sacks. What has become
of that white crape lisse that
the girls got down here once
on a time? It seems to me
that it was left here and
I took it home some time.
That would be pretty in neck
& sleeves. You would want enough
of something to have fresh every
day if extreme heat should
render it necessary. Do you
intend to wear white in your
neck or not? A pretty linen collar
& cuffs would be nice to travel,
and there, as well, a part of
the time. I will get some & send

if you like, also some ruffling should that lisse not do. Have you a white sack? They were worn a great deal last summer & would be very comfortable to slip on in room & mornings to breakfast, though I don't know how much time there will be for changing. The linen duster would do, in case it were very warm. Lace mitts are worn very much this season. I am going to have some. I could get you some, also a white sack if you wish. Have you a good parasol or sun umbrella, one that will look well as you march from Sem to church? I would like very much to be there & will if I can see my way clear, but it does not look like it now.

The little hat trunk will be nice to carry your things will it not? unless you can take them in a sachel. I will try & see Dr. Houghton & enquire whether anything can be obtained to help you to hear. Does Rhus help Sammy? It seems to me that it ought to. Am glad you are getting those S. S. books.
I suppose you have sent the butter. I should have gone today to see & make enquiries about tubs, but did not have sufficient time. Am sorry I hindered you from sending when it was cooler. I enquired down town yesterday at United States Express office whether they had an office in Utica. They said they had not. Am sorry, as their rates are less. The American have ice cars on N. Y. Central but charge more in them. Will learn what I can about return tubs. Will you not take New York on your way in going or returning? I should be much disappointed. Could you not come the week before & then we could see what could be done about the ears. & other things.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Harriet E. [illegible]
Box 153 Kenwood
Oneida
New York.

Sat. P.M.

Dear Jennie Yours
was gladly welcomed
this morning, also the
Cir. I see that S. C.
Griffiths has been
gathered to his rest.
So one follows another
What a gathering there
must be on the other
side! I have this week
been enjoying Sara's verses.
"One year in Heaven," especially
that one "Thou dost not fear
that grief or woe, will have
thy loved ones here below.
For them has felt the trans-
muth. Of this strange
discipline on earth" &c.
I am glad you wrote to
Mr. Thomas. Think I
ought to. How do you
like the article in
Morning Star on sister
E.? I think it good. I have
been very busy this week.
Send that "P.Q.C." It will give
you no trouble & much
[illegible] [illegible] pleasure

Sat eve.

Dear Jennie

I have not settled on an office as Mrs. Jones has been looking with me today. Think I shall be able to locate favorably. We are quite cheerful. Sis is doing well. Thank you for your kind letter rec'd yesterday. Don't worry about us. I think it will all come out right. I am glad I have given up the house. Must close as we

were at Office today
so long that it is time
for the Mail. Sarah
is very anxious to know
how Anna is getting along.
think he is better &
has been able to attend
the Meeting.
Love to you all
Mary

[illegible]
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] a good
night last night [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] from the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
changed [illegible] & she slept
again till morning. She
is very comfortable today.
[illegible] her
[illegible]

Sara had a letter from
[illegible] this morning in
which he speaks [illegible]

to Christian with Lucy.
Lucy is making a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] that day I
with the visit as she
[illegible] as if she could
not leave us at present.
When Jim was here we
found that the [illegible] coat
that [illegible] gave Eddie &
which we meant to make
[illegible] for him fitted Jim
better than his own
& he wants to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] now than his own
which is much too short.
Don't you think Jim had
better have it & take it
with him. His is altogether
too short for the style.
[illegible] day. They [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] what
do *you* think?
[illegible]
letter of [illegible] which came
with "[illegible]" I searched
here when I was away
with [illegible] at the [illegible].
I did not at all [illegible]
so much, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] "[illegible]" when this
school commences!
We shall all want to
hear about that shilling
school.
I sent that mine
for Annie *to take* a
handkerchief [illegible]

three times a day. She
can tell best of her
feelings. If she could
take a fresh egg with it
every day it would be
good. How I do want
to see you all! but
pocket book is too much
collapsed, as then this
head summer would
be away. Now we could
neither [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
accept [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

May [illegible]

Wish I could see Pine!
[illegible] garden! [illegible] Frank
I wish he would write.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Miss Jennie Emmett
Box 17 Remsen
Oneida Co
New York

Dear Sister, Yours this A.M. rec'd. Have been very busy today & yesterday — or would [illegible] more. Glad I knew S. was in Ta[illegible] [illegible] have expressed the oranges to her. They are pretty ripe & will not keep long — Will write you soon again. [illegible] just had a letter from S. Haven saying Miss Blakeney [illegible] is taught. [illegible] is very dangerously ill & sending her love. Mrs. Hughes [illegible] this A.M. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

33 W. 34th St.
Nov. 28 1880

Dear Sister Jennie & Co.

We rec'd the enclosed on Sat. last. I have now on hand $.20. of yours. that is $.13. left of J. Eddie's, $.2.10 rec'd before this, which has been reported to you, & these $5. What shall I do with the money? J. E. wrote envelopes for Mr. Scott to the amt of 50 cts & as it was such slow work & I needed so much of his help at present, getting settled &c. he did not take any more. Shall we

We bought J. E. a suit of black cheviot just [?] before this for $.15. & a hat for $.2. He looks nicely in his new rig. Do you know what his gloves are. He is well equipped except his hands. He is a glorious good boy, & a great comfort to his auntie & to his friend Miss G. Do please write soon. We were sorry not to have a letter from you by last night. Good night again.

pay the remaining $.3. out
of this $.20.? I have
not had time to go with
him to get his likeness
yet. but will as soon
as I can. I acknowledged
the $.5. to Mr. G. Roberts,
Big Rock. & requested him
to keep the remaining books
in hopes of selling them
was that right. I wrote
him a postal in welsh!
was that right? We would
like very much to drop in
upon you & see how you
are in that dear old
home. Hope Libbie & baby
are getting better & that
none of them will get cold.
What bitter cold weather
we have been having! It
is more mild today

We are enjoying our rooms ever so much though not yet settled. Last night P. E. slept in my bed & I slept with Miss G. in her bed in the room next to the living room. I found myself so comfortable that I stared there till 9 oclock this morning! Am feeling much better today for the long rest. — Miss G. has bought a nice little range for the living room & today we baked a rice pudding very successfully. I think I can exchange my stove, for a new one which will suit me much better, by paying a little to boot.

we hope thus to keep warm
& comfortable. Mr. Slaght
will have a vacant
flat in 437 but we hardly think
best to move.
Mrs. Wilbank called today &
sends much love. Jennie's
friends enquire very cordially
about her. She made many
warm friends here, who
would be very glad to see
her again. Indeed so did
ye all. Many inquiries are
made as to whether you
are coming back this winter.
Mr. Bevan. the Dr.'s father
called on Miss T. this evening
He is very pleasant.
Now My Darlings Good
Night. It is after 9 o'clock
& we intend to retire
early. Much, much love
from your affectionate
Sister & nephew. M. & L. E. Smith

New York Dec. 6/80

Dear Sister Jennie;

We were glad to get your letter this Morning and to know that you are better. Hope you can Make yourselves comfortable and warm. Wish you could have the ~~c~~ coal stove in the parlor. Do you think it will not be possible? How will you do about coal? I am glad you are having such a good time with the apples. – We have very good ones here. They are cheap, also potatoes. – I have been writing to John today. 8 pages! Was not that pretty well? Had not written to him in a long time before. –

was $.42 in all. Emma owes
me $9. which I will get soon
as they have just got their
legacy. Poor George did not get
anything. Mrs. Rice owes me
$18. or $19. now which I suppose I can
get anytime. So you see with what
else is coming in all the time
I am getting along nicely. – I
meant to have looked for a
dress today but wanted John
Eddie to go with me. & he
had not time as he has a
class meeting to attend tonight
He enjoys his school, and
we enjoy *him*! Is Sara
going to be able to ~~wear~~ e
wear her thick dress this
winter? Her cloak is *just in
style*. I wish I could see
you all. The Pearsons inquired
for you very kindly last evening in

church. They called once to see you after you went. We have seen nothing of Lizzie Thomas' Ship since you left. We will enquire about oranges. Have not bought any yet. We have used a part of one can of grapes, a few currants & little glass of jelly. are now enjoying apple sauce. We might send you some of these cans if you need them. — Am glad Anna is taking the Lactopeptine. John has bought more then, & it seems to do him a great deal of good. — I think it would be good for Anna to take that Maltine as her lungs are not very strong, & it might do your throat cough good, Try it both of you. Dr. Gil called here the other day, & once before

& a card or so since you went home. Rev. Mr. Dr Prichard, Rome, called this P. M. in co. with Mr. S. Winslow. He is collecting for his church. He asked if we had sent any cofiants to Chicago. He thought Dr H. Jones (Humphrey P's son) would do something for us if we asked him. Has Lewis his address? As he gave it to me it is
David H. Jones Deputy Assessor
~~1248~~ Halstead House, 1248
50th St. Chicago Ill.
(West Side) Will you write to him or shall I? I am getting along quite nicely with my class & enjoy it, but it keeps me pretty busy. — You are very often enquired for by your friends. & all send love. —

since you went. I must call
on him as I was out both
times. Mrs. Jones sends love
to all. John E. thinks his
subscriptions expires in
Dec. or January but is not sure.
Miss Griffith sends love
She is preparing supper. She
takes main charge of the
meals. John E. carries coal
& ashes. & does errands and
collects. — Mary keeps her
room in order. & she does
pretty well considering. Sweeps
some most every day. She also
waters the flowers, but they do
not look very well. Butter is
in good demand now, & J. E.
will do his best with R's butter
when it comes. —
Must close now with tiles
of love from Mary &
John. E. & Miss G. —
Hope you had our letter of last week

Your papers are all safe. Do you want them? — Your nice little penknife is in the drawer & constantly reminds me of you, Shall I send it on? Do you want me to get the warsteel that you spoke of? I will ask Mrs. Jones about her Money. I don't think she is in any hurry. Mr. Scott is not, Perhaps I can pay him. I had borrowed $.16. of society money, which I have made good. & have $.20 in hand to buy me a dress & hat, besides the $.20. of yours. If you need to have us buy you some things let us know. Mrs. J. & Mr. S. can wait I am sure. Rosa Taylor paid me her bill & her Mother's which

Good bye with loads of love and a Merry Xmas. It is time for the mail. Merry Xmas to the rest. Most lovingly J. E. & S.

N.Y. Dec 21 1880

Dear Sister Jennie;

I think we have treated you quite badly in not answering your last good letter ~~before~~ before the one today, but I have been quite busy and J.E. seems to have the same complaint. I have been writing a circular for the Alumni which has taken a good deal of time aside from practice. – We will send them off tomorrow. – J.E. wants me to tell you that he will write soon. He says he thinks three months never passed so quickly over his head as the last. He cannot realize that Christmas is so near. Neither can I.

Do you think that you can keep warm at home this winter. I fear you will be snowed in a good deal. I wish you were here that is if you could be comfortable and happy here. I think Miss F. will leave us before the first of next Month. She has been no help, but a care to me. & I would rather pay the whole rent & have the freedom of the house. Don't let this worry you as we will get along nicely. P. E. & I get along finely, & I do not think the rent will burden me much if at all. Miss Jones sends a great deal of love. She wants Lewis to send another Can. in next bundle. She has 3 new subscribers, but 2 have discontinued. I am very glad Lewis is better. Rev. Mr. E----s told me last evening that he was giving him medicine. Mr. E. is my student in Analy

If the box has not arrived, will not Ed. enquire of Utica. Keep the check till goods arrive

Letter No 2.

Jennie's letter dated the 10th is come! You are ever so good. I have not answered all of Anna's yet. I saw Jarthryn in 11th St. church. He was courteous as I was to him. I had quite a little chat with him, but of course we did not touch on any sore points. The same day, between the services, Mrs. Jones showed me the Cen. with the quotation from the Cronicle and Mr Davie's remarks &c &c It is too bad to have that old trash revamped again. foolish for Jarthryn & unwise in E. Davies, but let it pass. It is not worth while for us to be troubled about it. It will do us no harm and certainly cannot injure Father now.

but it is a pity to have such material in the Teen. to take the place of better matter. Have you seen Forthergen? If you do see him I would not mention the subject. I sent Med. to John day before yesterday. Had sent him some which he seemed to need before. Will at large pellets — We will miss Echwaidt family very much, but perhaps we will all go there after a while. I have collected some and practiced a very little. Have not been to see Jennie Vincent. perhaps I had better go unless my coming home may help as to decide about the farm, but it may be as well to let that rest for a while. So you have been snowed in at last! We had a pretty rough storm rain & some snow, but not so much as you had.

Did you really bring this letter
to the village on snow shoes?
I visited Jimmy a few days ago &
took lunch with him, believe I
wrote you about it. Alex says he
is well now, but looks thin.
He had a sick spell for a day
some two weeks since but I did
not know of it at the time.
I have not been much to 31st St
church as I did not feel like
going to church when I came
down 1st, and was also over
here or on the East side
Sab.
was at 11th Str last evening
and Jimmy Griffith walked with
me to Mrs. Twombly's, went in
and stayed a little while by the
warm fire. The evening was
cold and we were both glad
to get warm. I was very glad
to have a little visit with him.
He says he has gained several
lbs. since coming down, 9 I
think. Mrs. Jones is well

or letting it on shares. ~~[illegible]~~ and I would not feel it a sacrifice to go home and work hard even for a year if we would feel all happy there and could make things go all right. Still if it would seem easier and smoother ~~[illegible]~~ to let things go on as they are now, I would be satisfied. We can have a good home there, will not feel tied, can look things over, visit at our leisure and thus get fat & strong. Do you think you can get along another year without a horse at your command? We ought to have a larger garden patch. That I am sure would not be objected to. – As to letting the place to cousin Robert, I think we would not do badly to do so. He would I am sure take good care of the things & would I think be more disposed to make improvements than our present tenants. I think we would get along well with them both. They been acquaintance. Still it would perhaps be best to let things stand for the present as they are. – I want to be at home to look things over thoroughly and then we can see better what we want. I could

Dear Sisters

I have written you such hurried letters that I fear they may have done you more harm than good. It is a shame but I have been running around so that I hardly take time to write, & besides I have made an effort to write to John often, as he seemed to need all the comfort and support that we could give him. being there so far from any of us as he is.

Sat. A. M. I went out with cousin Annie this morning

remain here for the winter & make my living if it seemed best for me to do so, but do not yet feel like settling down to practice and think now is the best time to look over the things at home if it would not make you dislike. I am feeling very well now and sleeping better and my digestion does not trouble me. The postman comes with a letter for me I hope. Much love dear ones. Which is better my letters or my presence?

Peace
Brother
Frank

Pa sent Dr. Edward Lower Bacon Tablets. I hope it will take well. It was fresh and the right kind

and bought me a Dolman for $11. It is all wool and will be very comfortable and warm. It leaves me with $11.50 I also bought 2 gossamer under shirts for summer at 25cts apiece. If you would like me to get you some let me know. They are like those that cousin Mary had last summer, thinner than those I had. They will do for the very warmest weather. I had $23. yesterdy instead of 20 as I said. Will have $7.50 next week. I expect sure, as sure as I can without having it in my hand. I sometimes think that you are doing better in health with me here than if I were there in your very presense all the time. If you think so, do not fear to tell me, as perhaps it is not best for us to be together all the time, that is for our health you know

I am so apt to do things all
of a sudden as I did in sending
that bed, and it gives Jennie
a start & perhaps is not well for
her, and then I am so positive
at times, as to take Anna's bed
away, and so I think that this
little hurly burly Mary makes
you both sick sometimes.
& then I raise such a row in
wanting to make so many changes
&c &c that it seems to me that
I keep you in hot water all the
time, and too much hot water
is not good, although it is a
tonic!! when applied properly
and I hope my snatches of suggestions
regarding the farm have not
disturbed your equilibrium, for I really
will be satisfied anyway. I think we
might make it much more profitable
for ourselves ~~and~~ either by getting
more rent or by running it ourselves

I have not seen Mrs Jardine for some time. Called on her 3 times & took lunch with her twice. Mrs. Swinnerton was not there at home she was on Staten Island have not seen her yet. This is a very pleasant day. Yesterday we had a very uncomfortable rain we have funny weather. Cousin Polly comes in and asks if I am writing home and wishes to be very kindly remembered. So do we all with very Much love Annie says. Give our love to them.

Good bye with ever so much love. I enclose the check for Sofa bed. Intended to have sent it in the letter of yesterday. M

Anthony, Kans.
March 13, [illegible]

Dear Sister Jennie;

This is a beautiful day, though cold. We had a hard freeze last night, making the ground white. There has been more wintry weather since I have been here, than they have had all winter, and indeed more than we ~~have~~ had in Osawatomie but spring will soon come & with it the beautiful spring flowers. How Lewis & Alice will enjoy the rambles after the flowers this spring! This cold weather will keep the fruit buds back & secure more fruit we hope. They have a number of apricot & peach trees in the yard.

I have learned how to fasten basque & skirt together. Make small short loops & fasten them to the ~~two~~ seams on each side of the back seam & inside the arm by belt. & put buttons to correspond on band of skirt. If making the

dress so comfortable. [illegible]
[illegible] fix hers so. I have had my
Sateen dress made as [illegible]
nearly finished. Skirt with kill plaits
& basque with redingote back. like my
grey dress when it was new. I think
I shall like it very much. I am also
having my mamas wedding dress made
over. ~~at least~~ that is the skirt which
will be plain. the waist not altered
unless there be puffs at the top of the
sleeves. There will be enough pieces
to make a basque so I rather think
I will have it done, & then I will
be comfortable for the summer.
I am sending to Farm & Fireside
50 cts for John's subscription for
last year & order discontinued

Much love
Sister Mary

Home, Wed. noon.

Dear Jennie;

We are expecting Father & Mother home this evening and shall probably write to chronicle their arrival tomorrow but I thought we had left you too long without a letter already so I will just send a line. — We are all well and very busy getting ready for their return have been cleaning house a little, and I don't want to give Ma a chance to laugh at me again for being "up in arms" on her return. You know my

propensities! We are all flying around at a great rate today. Nellie has been working like a heroine. I wish they were going to bring her a present, - the boys have also been very faithful. very busy with cleaning today. - Sis & Eddie were at Pouguenogue Sunday, took tea at Mrs. P. Jones. Mrs. Jones is rather feeble, and does not think she can spare Ann now. She asked Sis if we were going to write again before they came home. She said the girls were so foolish (this was her expression) that they did not write to Libbie when their mother was not so well, lest she should worry. Sis says she was about the house and appeared quite cheerful, but did not go to church. - Wm. seems to be very kind to his mother

had just been getting some
Slippery Elm to make her a
drink as he had heard some
one say that would be good
for her. The girls are
quite well. You will under
stand now Libbie dear why
they have been apparently
negligent of your interest
and feelings

Accept a great
deal of love all of you

From Mary.

321 E. 12 St. N.Y. Oct. 14

Dear Sister Jennie:

I wish those apples were all "cut & dried" so that I could have that long letter which was hinted at in your last. I want to know all the particulars, how every one is, and what you are doing &c. &c. O, I dreamed last night of being there the first evening of the meeting and Dr. Van was there, but neither he nor any one else came home with us to stay over night! How is Anna? Does that c.m. dose of Sach. still work or does she want some more? Does she take Arnica & Apis occasionally or is she well enough to run alone? Do tell all about them all.

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N.J.

Miss Jennie Everett

Box 15)

Remsen

Oneida Co.

New York

Feb. 2 Sat. A.M.   458 Ferry St. Newark N.J.
Dear Sisters & J.E.
I have been visiting here since Tues eve and am having a good restful time. Rec'd letter from Brooklyn this A.M. but nothing from you. Maybe there will be a letter when I get back Tues a.m. Am getting in a hurry to see you before the snow goes away. It will be time to prune the trees soon now, will it not? Jennie & I are going to see Libbie today to return Monday eve. want to see their chickens &c. This is a beautiful day. We have had quite unpleasant weather. Did you have a sleeting the 1st of the week? We did. I take you were not snowed in again. Wait till I get there! I wrote you on Monday. but no answer yet. Much love to all — Mary.

New York Aug 26/78

Dear Sister Jennie;

Your dear good letters have been very welcome, and the quantity of news makes me feel as though I had been there, almost. — I cannot now come this week. Have patients whom I cannot leave yet. Hope to be there on Monday evening next Sept. 2nd Mrs. Jones will come with me. We think we had better go by car all the way as it will be more expeditious, and when

as we might wish. So much has been new and instructive in inexperienced parents! — Let us all keep together in the bonds of love and forbearance and the future will be bright and full of happiness [illegible]

Had better buy that big [illegible] trunk there?

My face is once turned homeward, delays are almost unendurable. I hope cousin Mary will wait till I get there. O, dear, I have chafed against being away at this last homegoing. Expect the folks from Boston here tomorrow morning and tomorrow evening they start westward to stop, I hope, at Ransom. I think we had better see about the insurance when I am home, if it needs me. The sooner the better. I should like to be at home when the artist is there, but you can judge of the best view. Don't you think we

had better have awnings soon? and if so, it would be well to have them represented in the picture What think you? I think our house would be a delightful place to send some of my patients, too, to summer, bye & bye. What say you? What likeness are you going to have Father's taken from? The photograph is not good to copy from. Not so good as Mother's. I have a nice daguerreotype which Mrs. Jones let me have, but do not know as we have one so good of Mother at about the same age. Good artists like to take from several

if there is not one
perfect. Hope the
Copiant will be decided
on at the Ogmanfa.
I frequently hear inquiries
about it, with expression
of surprise at its non=
appearance.
Am glad Sara's cough is some
better. I hope your hand will
follow suit. & Mrs. Asthma
Anna seems not to complain
much ~~as~~ paper lately.
Have you decided what
to do about John Eddie this
winter? Tell him to be
patient. He is young yet
& his Aunties are determined
to have him have a
good education & it
will come after a little, but
this year it has been hard
to have every thing settled

Brooklyn. Nov. 9. 1867.

My dear little boy;

I was very, very much pleased with your nice little letter. How could you write it so nicely? I could read every word without any trouble, but you know Aunt Mary could always read your letters, could'nt she? I think you are getting to be quite guy with your waist and pants. I see some little boys every day, and they make think of you and Robbie. Some of the little ones have waist and pants like yours, and some of them have pants and Sacks, with a wide belt.

Today I saw a little boy about as large as you, who had to have two of his double teeth extracted. They were taken out with forceps and it hurt

him some. I was wishing he had some Auntie Mary to coax him up and take them out for him. I thought he would not be quite so much afraid of her as he was of the doctor. He was a dear little boy and was very [illegible] too. — Tell Aunt Anna [illegible] the sack that she wants to make you another waist and pants from is on the shelf in Grandma's bedroom clothespress. I think it will be just the thing for you.

Are you trying to be a comfort to Grandma every day? How does Grandfather get along? Does Mr. Phillips have any little boy to play with him once in a ~~little~~ while and is he a pretty good boy? Tell Aunt Jennie that cousin Thomas wants her to write to him.

Good bye now, my dear little Eddie. Give my love to all the folks, and give each one a kiss from your loving [illegible]

John Eddie Evans [illegible]

New York Feb. 26.

My dear little Nephew.

Dont you think I am a very poor correspondent? It is too bad. I was so glad to get your letter, and then so long in answering it. — Which of your presents do you like the best? I am afraid the whistle makes the most noise. I am very glad that you are learning to read. — How do your boots hold out. Do you have some new shoes. I am glad of that. They are so much better to wear in

the house. — I wish I
could see Aunt
Anna's fun. Give
my love to your father
when you write to him.
There was a little boy
here the other day who
was five years old, and
he was not much more
than half so large as you.
He was a funny little
fellow.
Good bye now my
dear Eddie, be a good
boy and write soon again
to me. I was much
pleased to see all the letters
right side up and on
the line. — Good bye
darling — accept a kiss
from your loving
Aunt Mary.

New York May 7 [illegible]

My Dear Nephew;

Just imagine with what refreshing your letter was received this morning after the fevered heat of anxiety of the last few days! My letter of yesterday will explain that. Are you suffering for the things contained in the box? Your clean shirts and stockings came from the wash yesterday, but I have not yet had time to start the things. You ought to have your every day clothes. Do you need your flannels? Does Heuben

My street is full & I must go. I hope I soon shall hear from you. You do not of course need my letters now, so much as I need yours. I hope you will [illegible] Dana met me on corner of 5th Av. & 34th St. Thurs. Said he had meant to write but had such terrible lessons. He called at the door yesterday & said he had sent you a dollar & paper. Good bye. Kind love to all from Aunt Fanny.

manage to keep warm.
It has been very cold
here. Winter arrangements
have had to be called
back. I keep fire all
the time & the dear
old grate is very
welcome. Mrs. Bradford
has had to have her
grate back. It was
removed during that
hot spell. - I went to
see Mrs. Twambly on Tues.
Had a nice visit with
her & Allie. Minnie had
gone to a S.S. celebration.
I have made no further
arrangements about the
rooms. We had an
Alumnae Meeting
last evening & were
told that we had almost

secured the building
on 54th St. from Sept to
May next. Rent 200 per
Month. We must wait
till one of the parties
concerned, returns
from Europe, which
will be about June 2nd.
When I was in Brooklyn
I saw a pair of stockings
like the darkest pair I
sent baby, & they were faded
& made the feet black, I think
you had better send them
back by Mail, & I will
try to exchange them.
— Mr. Seeds called in
just now & had a little chat.
In the course of conversation
he said that the Everetts as
a family were good Elocutionists.
He knew an Everett in the oil
regions of Penna. 20 years ago or so

who was a very fine man &
very scientific. He did not say
a great deal, but when
he did speak it was to the
point. Wonder if he was
any relation!
Fri. P. M. Must send this
that you may receive it before
Sabbath. Took Edna with me
to the S.S. festival last evening
She was delighted. It would
have amused you to have
seen her clap her hands with
the rest. "but" said she, after
coming out, "I could not
clap them *hard* enough." They
had a May Queen who was
escorted to the floral throne on centre
of stage by four young misses
& two lads, pages with ~~powdered~~
powdered wigs or heads. The
stage full of children looked
lovely. Singing excellent, con=
ducted by Mr. Wm. H. Smith.—

New York Aug [illegible]

[illegible]

You do not know how glad I was to get your letter! I have been looking & longing for one for a long time! In my little hasty note of yesterday, I told you of Jamie's call. He was looking well, rather thin I thought, and as friendly as ever. Lizzie Thomas was here when he called. She had brought me a few bananas. Capt. Williams had brought some on his return voyage and had remembered her. She also had a few for Mrs. Jones & I accompanied

her there with the [illegible] Anna
James is much like Irving's
family. She has not been
away this summer except
to her usual rounds. We had
unusually warm weather at
the same time that you did.
It was cooled off on Sunday, the
day after you had that storm
of hail &c. I wrote about our
lovely shower. The weather
here is delightful now. I had
two comfortables over me
last night. Am now, 7.30 A.M.
sitting by the open window
in which the plant is doing
nicely. My Oleander has
not blossomed this Summer
so I suppose it will keep
a while. The ivy is growing
nicely for winter. It is nearly
a foot high quite thrifty. The

beauty of my [illegible] garden
this summer is a fragrant
pink verbena. I will send
one. There are eight blossoms
on it now, & three more which
are partly open. I am beginning to
find time to run over to
Summerville to learn more
about the place, & to [illegible]
[illegible]. The weather there
is as warm as the south, but
it would be easier to get good
food there which is a very
essential point. Southern
living is poor. Lizzie Thomas
advises me to write to Mrs.
Capt. Williams to enquire.
She has lived at Summerville
for some time. Lizzie says
it is a very social place.
All the neighbors are so kind
especially in cases of sickness

Miss Griffith was just in a minute & made an evening [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] to [illegible]

[illegible]

Lizzie wants to know when you are coming down. Mr. Mozier, her intended, has been in Europe this summer & expects to return tomorrow, went on business & absent 6 weeks. I am glad you have debates with Johnny Owen. It must be very pleasant & profitable. Do you ever go to Bethel to [illegible] the Mighty [illegible]. My love to [illegible]. My health was not quite so good for a week or two after coming back, but is better now and indeed feeling quite well. Am now spending a good part of my time in Dr. Heitzman's labratory, to prepare for next winter. Am at present preparing specimens for the microscope. Am trying to arrange for a [illegible] home again but must be back by

The [illegible] seemed very close [illegible]

[illegible] 36 W. 54th St

New York May 31st/87

My very Dear Nephew

Your very welcome letter came this morning. If I have been negligent it has not been from forgetfulness but because I have been so pressed, & it is so easy to leave such things as can in any way be procrastinated. I am glad indeed if the recollection of last years cozy times is pleasant to you. I have lived them over many times & have longed much for your company, but if it is best for you to be there I must be content, if your life is happier

Please give ... a kiss to dear Johnnie & to Agnes. I will buy and send the ... [illegible] to Chicago ... [illegible] Paul ...

you, and we wish you to have
the best advantages in our
power. I was disappointed
I must confess, to be
obliged to give you up, but
tried to content myself,
your letters reconcile me
when I feel assured that
you are <u>doing well</u>. My
heart yearns over you
with tender love my dear
boy. I shall be greatly pleased
of course if you feel
drawn toward the
profession which your
grandfather ~~filled~~
followed so grandly,
but am willing to
leave it with the
Lord to direct and
make your way clear
in prayer. Methinks,

fields tonight, & I hope
it will be a profitable
season. In speaking
to Mr. Rossiter one day
about the profession
which you would follow
I told him that I thought
you would most probably
decide on the ministry,
he said with a smile "He seems to
be surrounded by a circle
of prayer, I don't see how
he can help it very well."
Write to me again, dear
boy, & tell me all about
your plans and hopes
& fears if you have
any. It would be
very pleasant for
you to go and see
your Father if it can
be so arranged -

Can you command
the Morning? I should
be very glad on your
account and on his.
Have you had your
likeness taken? I
wish I had one.
We could hardly
forgive ourselves
if you ~~S~~should be
called up higher,
& we have no
likeness) of you.
Your Father ought
~~to~~ have one
built again as
soon as you can
to your loving Aunt
Mary.

New York Dec 31

Dear Brother, & Maria [illegible],

Your card was gladly welcomed this forenoon especially as it reported S. some better. Annie's & Jennie's came yesterday P. M. & I went out to see if I could find what they needed (but failed as yet) & on returning home to write found an imperative call which kept me till too late for the Mail. I have been studying Sarah's case today & think I have found an O. K. remedy which seems to cover her case even to the sore mouth. It is Nitric acid & best

you have none there.
I will send some.
Am so sorry I could not
have sent it so that
you could have it
tonight. Am also ever
so sorry that I did not
write oftener las[t]
week, but had a four
days headache. It is better
now. Have been drinking
coffee & thinking that
might have something
to do with it, have
discarded both it & tea.
Dana was in night before
last. He has a long letter
which he wrote soon
after you came, but
I think he wanted to fix
it a little, & so left it
without sending. He

said he would forward
but says if he opens it
to change the date he
don't know but he will
have to put in two or
three more sheets
He has so much to say.
Keep up your correspon-
dence with him. He is
a nice boy. -
The Youth's Companion
comes regularly &
I enjoy it much. The
last one of yours they
came here, I did up
to forward in due time
but somehow it fell
behind the desk &
I could not find it
till yesterday. At at
the time that I had

have sent, but
could not discover
its whereabouts. —
I am sending some
cards for you to distribute
at your discretion.
Let me hear as soon
as you know. Nugher
is there with the
kind. Let S. take
the Medicine every
2 hours.

Much, Much love,

Mary

Sa write often.

I hope Carrie can come
& help you.

[illegible] me help him [illegible] Emil send [illegible] Sailed Sept 4 & very [illegible] a week [illegible] & write [illegible] to you [illegible] lovingly Aunt May

33 W 34th St
N. York. Nov 4/82

Dear John Eddie;

When am I going to hear from you; Have not had a word since Br. E. was there! Did you have a good visit? I learn via home that Edw. writes that you live comfortably, I hope that the visit you are having with your father & the talks you must have together will do you both good. I often wish I had such a storehouse of knowledge as John has in my poor brain. Do you have fine

[illegible] should [illegible] this [illegible]

hat will keep through
the winter? How I
should enjoy a trip to &
a visit in that western
home! — I had a letter
from Jennie yesterday
in which she says that she
& Anna went to Elyria
Wednesday to spend the
day & as they were about to
get the horse to start
home, Anna's nose began
to bleed, & for 2 1/2 to 3 hours
they failed to stop it, when
Anna fainted & then
the bleeding ceased. She
did not dare to move to
undress till Thurs evening
when she sat up to have
her bed made. Letter today
says she was comfortable
but weak. Sat up yesterday
25 minutes. Dr. Owens.

could not go so Dr.
Wiggins was called.
He seemed to think
she would get along
They will have to stay
there some time till
A. gains strength. I
wish I could be with
them. but do not know
how to now, unless I
should give up here
altogether. I think
they are better off
there than if they
were at home as
they are not alone.
George is at home now
& so there is some one
to send if anyone is
wanted. — They have the
parlor & bedroom & keep
warm & comfortable.
Rollie & Lillie have been

there to see them
also Jane & Jane Hughes
Jane Eolkin, Mrs G. Griffiths
& Frankie Mrs. Henry
Perry & Katie & Katie's
little girl. Jennie
says, "I do not know
how to be thankful
enough that we are
with such good friends"
George was there, one
to the Griffith's with
thrashers. G.G's, A.M.
J.R's, P.M. Fri, Sat & Mon
expected at Glyn. George
expects to begin to teach
week after next. Maggie
has commenced her
school in Pengwyn[?].
Br. E. was in Powell
[illegible] last account, had
[illegible] left. Jerry Creak when
he had [illegible] 28 books. Tell
your father to take Bry. [illegible]

Kenissen
July 4th

Dear [illegible]kie;

Yours was warmly welcomed this A.M. The little boys brought it as they were returning from taking Jennie to the depot. Uncle Henry is very feeble & failing, & Jennie has gone down to see him. I am still at home as you see & will probably stay a little longer. Your letter did us a great deal of good as we had been longing for something from you. We are glad you are enjoying the visit with

[illegible]

your father & that he is enjoying the same with you. It is a precious opportunity for you both. Have the Men got back? It must make you happy to give your father a lift just now when he needed it so much. We are thankful that you did not get sick, as it must have been tough at first. Be careful about lifting, the work, if you are judicious will do you good, and we are sure it does your father good to have help just now; And then the society of his dear son must

cheer him up so much.
Can you not contrive
some way for him to
take life more easily.
What is all this hard
work of his going to
amount to after all.
What kind of a place
~~would~~ Kansas for us to
go and live all hands.
Mate says she wishes
you could send us a
pound of your butter
to taste! She says
you can churn
& make butter too when
you come home!
How would you like
to go to Hillsdale
next year to prepare
for College? Brother
Butler says you could

have the scholarship
which he has. only let
him know in time so
that he may not give
it to some one else.
Also you could hardly
support yourself otherwise
as many other students
do there. Johnnie &
Lyra have a number
of books which you
could use. — I should
much prefer to have
you in New York, if
we can learn that
there is opportunity
before what you need.
Where are you exactly &
what do you want to
do next year? We will
send Alexander on the
Psalms to your father
we think he ought to

I send some stamps for your [illegible] shoulders, also B[illegible] in case he has chills

50 State St.
Utica Aug 16/83

Dear J. E. Vei —

Your card was very welcome this P.M. Glad you are comfortable & hope you are all taking good care of Aunt Anne. If you could manage to have the breakfast ready before she gets up in the morning she will feel better all day. We saw Mr. McMillen this morning. He said you would not need to be examined in order to enter here, as your having passed the regents was sufficient. I do not think Jennie asked about ~~asked~~ whether there would be an examination for advanced standing. He asked whether you had studied ~~Algebra~~ Algebra, we said yes, also some Greek & Latin & had read History &c &c. & he said you would doubtless enter in advance which of course you would. He said they prepared students here for college in a superior manner & that their students always took a high stand when they entered colleges Harvard & others ~~[illegible]~~. In regard to your ~~taking~~ preparing here for an advanced year in College he said that those who wished to make a year, usually made it here & put in their full time in college

The school opens the 1st Monday in Sept. She said that Mr. Sawyer, Principal of Academy could tell me about the studies than he could & the best way for you to be informed would be to see him, Mr. Sawyer when he comes to the city on the 25th inst. –

The charge for tuition is $10. a term for outsiders, but if the family lived here it would be free but you supply your own books. – If this information is not all you want & I fear it is not, write to Mr. McMillan Superintendent of Public Schools. I have not his address, as we met him in a store & did not go to his home, but that would find him. I asked when he would be seen if you would like to come down & call on him. He said he would be at the City Library at 11 A.M. a week from next Sat.

Sorry we could not see Freddie Hughes. but glad you did.
Are the little boys still having a good time.—

Good bye with lines love to all

Jennie & Mary

We have met not seen the Michaels Come to our family in the other half of the house. Glad Carrie is so smart.

St. 1/84.

Dear Nephew

I really did not think that your vacation was so nearly over. Are you really returning today? How did you find the Aunties? I am glad you are able to be with them once in awhile. It does them and you good. How do you like living at the College? Is it as pleasant as when you were at first. How and where do you board? Have you written to Mr. Rossiter, or would you

Your loving Auntie Mary. These scraps from the tribune I send you to send [illegible] your cousin. How [illegible] for her friends did you receive that [illegible] in [illegible] acquainted with her [illegible]

Much love dear boy. So please excuse [illegible] urgent [illegible]

like me to ask him
for your letter? With
which church would
you wish to unite at
the College (if there is
one there) or in the
village? I would
like so much to have
a letter from you. Tell
me about your school
life, your meetings, your
calls, your walks &c.
Have you called at Mr.
Owens yet. How do you
like his family? Have
you called again on the
young lady from Kansas?
Johny Butler is sent out
to preach occasionally
Last Sabbath was the
fourth time this

year. He went to Roslyn Long Island, about an hours ride from N. Y. city - crossing the ferry at Hamilton's point I think he went through Garden City He seems to enjoy preaching. Agnes invited me to keep her company while he was gone. I was almost sick with a cold, but it improved while I was there & now I am almost well. Have been unable to go to College for two days - that is I thought it wiser to remain at home & rest. My students willingly instituted a quiz in place of the lectures

Lydia & Johnny enjoy so much being together this winter & I enjoy having them down here. They think a great deal of you & are much interested in your progress. Tell me about your opportunities for speaking, your drilling &c &c. Have you written any more sermons lately. Have you a class in S. School or are you in a class. North Presbyterian S.S. numbered last Sabbath 816. Quite an increase is it not. Johnny says there is a S School (mission) on the East side numbering 1000 in the primary department 700 in the intermediate & he did not know how many in the other department. It is the largest in the city

230 W. 33rd St.
New York, 4/84

Dear Nephew:

Your letter was very welcome & I hasten to reply in order ~~to~~ atone for past neglect. Your former letter was very welcome as well & I should have answered but have been very busy indeed. Sometimes I seem to have hardly time to breathe? My practical work has begun & I am more busy now than ever, shall have no vacation at all as a good many of the students want to work during the Holidays:—

when you are at home ascertain whether Jennie & [illegible] would like to come down during the remainder of the winter or [illegible] while they do; when the weather becomes [illegible]

So you are to have
three weeks. What
will you do with your=
self. I wish I could be
at home when you
are there. What a good
time you will have.
I have not heard from
your father. Do you write
to him often? Try & write
as often as you can.
Have you written to
Mr. Rossiter about your
church letter? or do you
still want me to do so?
I saw Mrs. P.P.J. today for
a few minutes. She looks
well. The minister Mr.
Morris has her parlor
& bed room. He takes
his meals at Restaurants

Agnes came down to see Me. Westey that is at the college. She came in to the Anatomical Room & was much interested I like her very much indeed. Johnny has a treasure in her. The Theol. Sem. was dedicated this week. They had a fine interesting time. When I first came down after election I ordered the type sent to Mr. T. L. G. for him to take his own out & forward the rest or keep till called for. Hearing heard nothing from it, I wrote him making inquiry whether

he had received it &
asking how much he
had to pay for Expressage
I rec'd the enclosed
card. Will you see him
when you are in Utica?
I am sorry if anything
is all ruined. We
must make some
return to him, you
can write to me
about it. - How
do you like it at the
College? How do you
take your meals?
I sent a package
home the other day
by mail. In it some
handkerchiefs for you
for Christmas. Much
love dear boy & a kiss
from your loving Aunt Mary

Cannot find
the card from
T. P. G. but he
says that
his type is ruined
that something
in their process
has ruined
the type:

D.C.
[1894]

330 W 33rd St
New York Mch 4/85

My Dear Nephew:

I think you are doubly in my debt, once for a letter & again for my photo, but as birthdays do not come on every day in the year, I will not stand on ceremony, but with cheery good will, wish you a Happy Birthday. I was glad to learn by a letter from Jennie this morning that you & cousin Mary had taken a run up home & had succeeded in bringing them down just in time before the spring thaw. How do they both seem to

I concluded to send the card by itself. Much love with it. I thought it would be nice & adorn your walls.

will write again

be? Jennie thinks some of taking a run down here & I think it would be a fine idea. Anna would be so comfortable with cousin Mary. I have been very busy this winter or you would have heard from me oftener. I met Dr. Finch one day & the first thing he said was How is sister & how is John? I do not think that he knows that there is more than one sister. I told him where you were where you graduated last summer &c &c. He seemed pleased and every little while he

would say with his pleasant smile & nod. "Yes", "Yes". You know just how he says it. He wanted to be remembered to you. I have not seen Mr. Rassiler to speak to him but once since coming down. & that was in Oct. Have you written to him? Where do you attend church? Do you like it on the hill as well as in the village? Must close now. & if I can find a birthday card will send one. Much love dear boy from your loving Aunt

Mary

over.

Do you know whether Mr. Mitchel has ever been paid for that hay which Mr. P. bought the spring before last? He sent a bill to Jennie last summer & as she was so poorly we did not give it to her neither did we do anything about it. Jennie thinks you or Br. E. would draw up a paper and wishes me to mention what I wish to reserve. I want to make it more pleasant around the house also more healthy by removing those outbuildings back of the shed & in order to do this we would need to throw a fence, I think to the nearest tree & thence south as spoken of last sum

Home. Sept 11/85

Dear Nephew;

You have doubtless been looking for a letter, & we have been looking for word from you. After you started that day I immediately began to prepare to go to the village & see Dr. Williams but before I was ready Jennie came rushing in, having come as far as the gate with John Toms. She was very restless all day till about 5 P.M. when she quieted down, so we had an early tea & I

went to ~~the~~ see Dr. W.
Had a long talk with him
He inclines very strongly
to the belief that it is
hysteria of an aggravated
form. Thinks she is
run down & needs tonic
treatment, good food
& that with care & time she
will recover. I trust so.
On my way to the village
I called on Laura & Carrie
They were about starting
over for a call, which I
encouraged. Remained
till I returned & we had
a good visit & tea. Jennie
seemed to enjoy it. She
slept that night till 6.45 A.M.
but kept us pretty busy after
that till after dinner. She

then went to the Office & worked very quietly all the afternoon. I went down to Meet her & we walked home together. She was very well all the evening, studied her S.S. lesson. Slept pretty well. & though very restless &c is better this Morning than two Mornings ago. Mr. & Mrs. F. went to the village this Morning & we ventured to let her ride down with them. On the whole I think she is ~~some~~ better than

her quiet spells are more quiet which I think is favorable. I am going to try & take this to the Morning Mail. Let me hear from you if we do not see you soon.
Hope to see you next week. How are you succeeding with your room? I did not take this for the Morning Mail but am going this P. M.

Lovingly yours
Sincerely J. M. V. A.

Remsen, Wed. Oct 21/85.

My dear Nephew,

Yours was received Sat: evening or rather Sunday a.m. We are sorry you are troubled so much about the financial question - I trust it will all come out easier than we feared. We don't like to have you try to borrow as you suggest: It would be a source of anxiety to me to feel that you should be so that any one could have a possible advantage in your death - Besides I feel quite sure we have enough for the present anyway. I had a letter from your father this a.m.

[illegible]

sight — I will inclose it for you —

We will send the check in a day or two. We are all about as usual

Yours lovingly
Jennie & A.L. Everett

I think on second thought we will send the check to you this morning — be sure and let us know when you receive it — let us hear this week if possible

Items - 2 or 3 Manicure sets all in one piece like one of Fanny's - a few brass hooks, (small) such as Fanny hangs her button hook on. 1/2 doz. cards for the children. - You can sometimes get nice ones for 5 cts. -

Merry Christmas! to all!

Thank K. Cousin
Ab for the
Herald's
'84 Com–
de in Sel–
from the
things –
few [illegible]
Something [illegible]

Remon, Dec. 24, '83

Dear Nephew,

Enclosed we send $5; as you will need some to get the things we have sent for. Anna would like 1/2 doz. Christmas or new years cards to send to Kansas. Fannie (?) one last year for Anna to give Bessie – that cost 10 cts. You can tell what you ought to give for what you get – I have not time to think – Also get Diaries 2 A pair of shears for Anna some little thing for yourself and for Frankie –

L. A. & M.

JOB PARKER'S SONS,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Family Groceries and Provisions,

191 Genesee St.

T. PARKER,
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UTICA, N. Y.

Cash Paid for Country Produce.

Remsen, Jan. 25. '86

My dear Nephew,

Yours was very welcome. Hope for another soon. Could you not write more freely about the plans about the farm. I think if some light could break my mind would be more at rest. Thomas Davies was here one day last week. He would come for his board a couple of months and do the chores but if he carried the wood from the woods or chopped he would expect pay. Mary told him we had expected him the day after you saw him but as he did not come we had sent word to another person, from whom we were now waiting to hear. He said he would be around

and we could send word to him anytime if we wanted him to come - We have not heard from Griffith Jones. Robbie promised to see him and let us know the result. The weather has been unfavorable and that may account for his not coming. He must be pretty busy now too preparing to move - Anna continues much the same - not so strong as when you were home - I can give no favorable report of myself. I am sadly discouraged and un=strung. I went to church yesterday Dr. Wms. preached - he also went to Penymynydd. It was a fine morning - storming however in the p.m. Clara, Jane and

Frank were in church - also Esther, Carrie and her husband. Frankie is well -

We suggested to Davis that we thought he might make his home here take care of the stock night & morning & make paths, then be away part of the time earning elsewhere. on that condition he would come for his board. If Griff. Jones would come I think we would like him better. We think now that Mr. F. will be here till the 1st of March.

Annie wants to know if you have done anything with your cap yet? A letter from Br. E. we enclose. I think with him that we shall make no more this year, but I hope that we can take more comfort. We have not had the stove yet from Remsen. It is at the Expressman's. Think J. Williams will bring it for us. Wish cousin Mary would make us a visit. We all send much love to our dear boy. Affectionately your Aunts S. M. & A.

Saturday evening
April 17 1886

Dear Nephew:

The chicks are beginning to peep, 'peek, 'peek! and we wish you were here to see them come out. Annie & I went to the village this evening to get the mail and when we came home Anna with her face all aglow with excitement reported three chicks on the arrival. When she opened the drawer for turning behold three eggs were pipped! & by putting the ear to the drawer, sure enough, we could hear them! I am aching to see them, but we must not open the drawer too often. Anna has her fringe all made. The lamp is under the burner which we have brought into the sitting room where the stand was by the stove.

G. Jones is delighted. He was at home with Anna & had chance, with her, to see the first pipping. I did not go to New York as you see & have decided to stay & enjoy our nice home. Jennie seems so happy. she said today that she did not think it would be so nice to be at home. G. J. has been picking stones some & also fixing the barn yard fence. He is doing first rate. Has swept out the carriage barn floor & C. H. churned yesterday nicely. Anna has pain in her side today. Has taken some cold. Tues. ~~Sat Morning~~ there were two chicks by noon, five by 3 P. M., & by evening 9. It was quite an exciting time. Monday more came and now we think we will have no more. 19 is all we have. Several died in the shell, we do not know why, some 3, I think fully grown, & some but an embryo. The brooder does first rate

& [illegible] [illegible]. Mr. Webb re-
turned last evening from
Waterville says he
feels better, but he
looks very thin. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Dennis
& I think of walking outside
to the village. Anna's
right side is better
but this P.M. she has
had pain in her left
side. I am afraid she
is doing too much. I
will be able to help
more & more [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] business is off
my hands. We are
glad to know that
you are well again.
The past week has been
beautiful. Grass is getting
green. We had a little
thunder shower yesterday
much here from [illegible]

I am sorry we have
been so long without
writing but I have been
busy finishing my Trading
business. Anna with the
chicks & Jennie with the
housework &c. Yesterday
Mr. Pierre for the
rest of his things. Saddle
table ashes &c Jennie
went down with him
hold the horse shay &
brought her back also
the barrel. T. Jones
has been today fixing
fence between him &
Lewis as his cows
are out & we do not
want them loose the
first bite here. Our
pigs are thriving finely They
are gaining faster than

Thurs Morn

Dear Ry

Jennie is going to the village so I can send you a hasty note. We have not had the mail ~~[illegible]~~ for several days. Hope there is a letter from you. If possible we will send you a few flowers tomorrow so that you can have a button hole bouquet for Saturday. How are you getting along? Annie has had toothache for several days. It is better today. Her face is swelled some. We will send you a V. the first of the week. Is my watch [illegible]

2. for your coming home
we hope to see you
next week. Are you
well? I send a little
Bry. to take if you
feel languid from
heat & Rheu. If you
have taken cold.

Heart full of love
from your loving
Auntie S

[1889?]

Monday P. M.

Dear Nephew;

We think on second thought that it is not necessary for you to come home now, unless you think best decidedly; the fact of Mr. P's saying that the hay belonged to him set Jennie on her feet, right side up, and she feels all right now. We think we will not buy the stock (or hay!) but be quiet and if he takes the hay, it will hurt him more than it does us, and we will let it pass for what it is worth. & not worry. We can wait

awhile without a horse &
think we can ~~bo~~ hire
John Williams' ~~Fancy~~ to
go to church. We are
comfortable and cheerful
this afternoon. [illegible]
has just come home
from the funeral of
Mrs. Mr. Jones. sister
Dr. Evans wife. She went
in the cutter with Mr &
Mrs. T. Mrs. John Kent
was buried last week
She had been ailing a
long time (Consumption
I think) but on Sunday
a week ago, she was in
church at Bethel, was
feeling better than
for a long time. On
Tuesday evening just before
retiring, she coughed &

little, had a severe Haemorrhage from the lungs & died almost immediately. - You will probably receive a letter in company with this, written partly on Saturday & partly this morning. Good bye now. Do write to us that is a dear boy & let us know how you are &c &c also what you think of the future.

Lovingly your Aunts
J. M. & A.

There seems nothing particular now for us to do about next summer -

By and by, when there is
we may need you more.
It is best not to break on your
term more than necessary, of
course. We shall look for a
letter from you. We expect
you and Mary to take charge
and hope you will not be sorry.
Robbie has taken "[illegible]"
farm in Penymynydd for
three years - So he will be
near us - and that you
may see him often, when
you are at home. Evan
was at his father's [illegible], and
he said Robbie had begun
to move -

[illegible] April 18/85

My dear Nephew;

Hope there is a letter from you awaiting your Father's trip to town today but I must write a word. This is beautiful weather. Everything is growing in spring style. Apple trees in bloom about a week. Wild plumb & Red bud mingle their blossoms with the green of the forest giving a lively variety. Your Father's Queen has a sore foot & so breaks one team, but Charlie (4 years old) has just been broken & works well with Tom & [illegible]. Norman is doing his level best & he was in the field by sunrise this morning. Your Father has been feeling quite feeble this spring. The spring is late &

Lemons foot has been dis=
heartning but I trust all will
come out right. He seems to
be a little better is [illegible] glooting
after Seed. He hired a boy of
14 yesterday, dont know for
how long, but His name is
Willie Steele. Looks like a
good boy. His Grandfather
was a Methodist Minister.
Your father knew him well.
Our garden is doing nicely
Lettuce & Tom Thumb peas up
since Sunday. Beets Radish Carrots
& Cabbage come. Onion Sets a
finger length up. Pie plants are
[illegible] [illegible]. We put your fathers
book case in order the other day
& he seemed pleased. Yesterday
we cleaned off & put in order the
book shelves & they look nicely
yesterdays
Today we are washing the [illegible]

of the kitchen. Are nearly
through housecleaning. Jennie
mopped the kitch[en] room a short
time ago & swept out & put in
order the bun room. We
have a good many wild flowers
I have pressed some to send
home. Jennie sends you a
few apple blossoms. They look
very beautiful from the door.
Willie is clearing the south orchard
of brush & burning them. Jim
is just through plowing the
field across the road & south
They have run the cultivator over
the field east, which was
[illegible] last fall.

last Saturday and asked quite seriously "Has Eddie graduated yet?" "Why yes," said I, dont you remember his saying that he thought of spending the next Sabbath, after commencement day, with Johny Butler?" "I wish he would send us a programme" "Why does he not write?" "I am afraid he is discouraged" "that there is no opening for him;" he continued. Will you not write to him and send a programme if you have one. He is very anxious to know what your prospect is for the coming year, as he thinks you will want to be making something. How are you feeling after the strain of the last few weeks? Are you quite well? Is anything coming of that Maryland school? ~~Did~~ you

[illegible] no but we can hardly do so. Mary is writing a few words to your uncle Eddie and your father is just ready to start. We have had more rain than usual I think this season — yesterday there was a rainy morning and this p.m. clouds hang around — corn looks well — and most other crops — We like it here but home has not lost its attractions and our hearts often turn thitherward. When shall we meet there again? How is it looking there? How long will you probably be there with [illegible]? It is a great comfort to us to know you are there [illegible] while [illegible] Did you visit [illegible] and are they coming to Rochester sometime this summer? How are they getting along? Please write soon. We have had no line from you since you graduated. Did you [illegible] an oration [illegible]

We all send much love. We were glad and thankful to get Anna's letter and Frankie's. Hope Anna is a little ... Give our love to Clara and her mother. We ought to write to them.

visit Johnny & Agnes and what did they have to say to you? Has their Father come there yet? Wonder if he will visit Steuben. How is Anna? We long to hear as often as we can. How are you doing about the haying? Dont arrange so as to lose too much of your precious vacation. I am writing to Frankie, so your letters will be company for each other on the long journey. I am sending her some flowers and autumn leaves which have been waiting a long time. Dear Child! It is too bad that we do not write to her oftener. Did she get down to see you graduate?

I had a letter from Mrs. Twombly, a few days since, I will copy a little "You said your boy was to graduate this summer, I trust he will come out with high honors. I read a book a college production in which

I was interested & very much for I did not acknowledge it, but I certainly appreciated his thoughtfulness & kindness in sending it & I was pleased to find his name in an honorable connection there.
I hope Jennie is well & has enjoyed her trip west & that you find Anna much improved. I can imagine her exquisite pansies blooming sweetly in the garden before her window, and all the other choice flowers repaying her tender care. Give my love to her. Do you ever intend to come to N.Y. again? I shall be glad to welcome you while we are here. If we all live till next year there is no telling where we may be, but do not wait till then. My Brother is still with us. Last year he went to China from Japan to try. My boy is still with his aunt in Framingham. Alice is very well

and is doing some type writing & short hand. She & Minnie talk of spending a few weeks some where in the Catskills region, as they need a change. Alice & I spent a week in Washington last month (they have relatives there) & had a most enjoyable time. We were quite charmed with the city it was so clean and quiet and full of the beautiful in art and nature too, I think I should like to live there. I hope we may be able to run around a little after leaving here, and see something of the glories of our own native land, if not of the lands beyond the seas, We have not forgotten our pleasant visit with you at Remsen and your kindness. Everything was so novel, so interesting, and so charming, from the Welsh singing school to the picturesque and wonderful falls at Trenton "The memory of our trip is one of the joys of my life." — Your father is going down to the creamery with butter & eggs. We thought of going

Osawatomie Ks. July 6/78

Dear Sister & Nephew;

We went to town on the "4th" and rec'd Anna's & Frankie's letter also one from Effie returning some we had sent them. All well then. Baby has two teeth most through. He gets all around the room in a baby walker that his Papa made for him. He is as good & cunning as ever. I am so glad that you are having something green from the garden. also that you are able to get strawberries. We failed to find wild ones. and had but one mess of the others. Hope you will get a lot & make up. Our peas are gone, but beets are very nice now. Rabbits took the beans. John says he has

Baked Onions. – Skin them carefully and put them to boil; when they have boiled a few minutes, pour off the water, add clean cold water – pour this away and add more cold water when they may boil till done. Pour off all the water and add cream salt and pepper to taste.

Green Peas. – Wash and drain carefully put in fast boiling salted water, when quite tender drain, and add pepper salt and a little milk.

Fried Squash. – Pare the squash, cut in slices, dip in egg, then in cracker crumb and fry to a nice brown –

and so it came about that we had a very cheery time. She said that John took Christmas dinner with them once. They seemed to think a great deal of him. They are from Maine originally. Turner Sampson, Mrs. Stanley's son (she has been thrice married) has been here several times to dinner with Simon. He was in the Calithumpian parade and wore a Masquerade suit. The boys called that Co. the "Terribles"! I must close as J. is going.

Lots of love from us all.

Mary.

The trip did us all good. How long will E. stay home? Did A. not get hurt when the wheel came off?

we did not go down to the "4th" till afternoon, but were in time for the a sham battle, representing the battle of Osawatomie in time of John Brown. It was very well done, we kept Smith the Edward [illegible] & Mr. Stanley leading the rebel forces. Does Eddie know them. We drove through the battle ground, (which was near John Brown's monument,) into the timber. John unhitched the horses & tied them to a tree, & then on looking around saw that in the wagon in front of us was Mrs. Stanley & her husbands married daughter & 2 little ones. As our wagon was in the sun & theirs ~~in the shade~~ John went to her and asked if we might not put a seat in their wagon & sit with them. They were most happy and so we had a nice visit while the lads were fighting. Mrs. S. had been intending to make us a visit

We think you had better come home as soon as you can. Then P. Clapp claims to all the hay & says he will make us an offer for stock, tools, horses & hay [illegible]. If it comes to that we may think we will not buy of him [illegible] a cow [illegible] If you can leave there is no [illegible] to see [illegible]

Dear Nephew;

I wish I might be sure that this would reach you this evening. We intended to have you have a letter by Saturday, but have been slow about it. Have you written to your Father? Do not delay, dear boy. The matter of the farm has been under discussion still since you went. Jennie feeling dissatisfied with the decision. At last as Anna & I both really wished it & you also & as we thought best for

farm on the whole
we decided to take it.
Yesterday afternoon
I told Mr. F. that we
would like to run the
farm ourselves this
coming year. I do not
think he was much
surprised. "Well," said
he, "it is for you to
say." He wanted to know
if we wished them
to leave on the 1st
of March. I said, "No."
(There was no
hurry about it, but
we thought we ought
to let them know
as soon as we had
decided, in order that
they might know
what to do with the
stock &c.)

Jennie was quite
flustrated after the
the decision was made
but I think she will
be satisfied finally
Anna thinks she will
so much enjoy having
rides at our leisure
whenever we feel like
it. I think she began
to pick up at once as
soon as I told her that
I had told Mr. P. & that
he took it kindly.
I cannot write much
more now as I think
P. is going. How is
your boil? Write soon
We must get a horse
& one that Anna can
drive.
We all send love
to our dear boy. M.

The next morning Sat Mr. P. said that he thought we were not doing right by him, "to turn him out on the road" after he had taken the farm for another year". He said he had taken it of you. I told him that we did not consider it so but "we did not wish to drive" them away at all. if they wished to stay, still if they could suit themselves elsewhere, we would like ~~them~~ to run the farm ourselves next year. I had told him the same when I first spoke of it. that there was no hurry at all but we would like them to look around & if suited, to let us have the farm. He says now he would not stay now any way. Mrs. P & George have been wanting them to go to the village. & they say today that they will go very soon. We will want to hear from you right away. What do you think of it. Mrs. P. is glad to go so is George. We send lots of love. How is it about the stove in Utica? We want some stove as there is frost in the cellar. Lovingly your Aunt M.

P. M.

Fri June 24/81

Dear Nephew

We send a few flowers with our love. Could not arrange any bouquet Anna still feels poorly but tooth is better. We think of you much and will tomorrow

Courage & keep cool! We all send lots of love & want to see you soon — your Aunt Mary

Remsen, N. Y. Sept 11/76

Dear Nephew;

I wrote you Sept 8 that we had returned & that I would look up some of your fathers letters in case they are needed. Have one dated Jan. 5. 1875 in which he sends $46. He does not say it is for interest. Do not remember as he has ever mentioned that, but it is credited on the separate notes under corresponding dates. Sometimes I put it the day it was sent and sometimes the day it was received. never thinking of course that that item might be of importance except to myself as memorandums. In another letter dated Feb 8, 1876 he sends $5. (the first after the fire) this I credited the day it arrived, Feb 11, putting [illegible]

notes. In another letter dated March 9, 1876 he sends $4. Of this on March 24 I credited $2,50 on the $50. note, making interest paid up to Jan 1, 1876, and $1.40 on the $20. note (reduced from $25.) This left 10 cts balance which I credited on one of the other papers as you may see by statement sent.

The "Bill Memorandum" for $300. dated Nov 18, 1857, is the letter in which your father acknowledged to Fannie the receipt of that amount. He never gave her a formal note for that, said the letter was as good as a note, and even better if she wished to make it so, as in the letter mentioned, he stated interest was stated [illegible] more than [illegible] might be [illegible].

The question may come up whether [illegible] it is really [illegible], and whether

Anna L. Everett was duly appointed &c Executrix. — I find a letter from Mr. Wiler, dated Jan 12, 1895 — in which he says, " I enclose herewith assignment of Mortgage" (Davidsons) back to me which please have Anna L. Everett Executrix execute before a Notary Public and return to me with certificate from Surrogate Court, that Lemuel Everett is dead, and that Anna L. Everett is Executrix duly qualified &c &c. — This necessary to have the proof of death, and appointment of Anna L. Everett Executrix, so the records will show strength on the abstract. Have this made and recorded now and then it will be all right for releasing other Mortgages held by yourself and your sister." This was when the Davidson notes were paid & Mortgage released by me. This was recorded

at Ottowa by Mr Kiler. I paid him $1.50 for having it recorded there. This you may find it necessary or convenient to refer to. —— Do you find that my mortgages from your father are recorded there?

I have had no letter from you since the sale, except the one the day after, saying you were going the next day to see the probate judge. Hope you are having no trouble about it, but I send the statements in this letter to help you if they are needed. If you need the letters I can send them on. Are you keeping well and how is Ella after the excitement? Hope the children are keeping well. Do you keep money and notes in the Bank for safety? Would not carry much around with me, would you? Have been wondering whether you reserved the use & a cow [illegible] also some means of conveyance so long

(3.)

as you remain there. Did you keep Pete or a colt for your own use as a memento. Thank you for writing so fully about the farm. Every word is of interest.

There is a great deal of sickness in Kenson these last four weeks. a severe form of dysentery. We think the Doctors are controlling it better than at first

Remsen. N.Y. 3/5/01

My Dear Boy;

I am reminded that this is your birthday March 5th, and the time comes so freshly to my mind when you came to us, a little 16 months old boy. and how seriously you looked around from one to another, to see if there was one familiar face, and when Owen D. Griffith came ~~around~~ you went to him, his whiskers, as we thought, reminding you of your father. We were all out in the yard at the end of the lane to welcome our dear little boy, and we were so glad to see you safe and sound after your journey. It was a happy

day for us all when you came. and ever after. When you grew a little larger and ~~sat at table~~ in your high chair. Father used to look around to Mother and say. "I don't know what we would do without him." So you see, it made us all happy. The years are rolling on, and many changes have taken and are still taking place. but I trust that "When life's short race is run", we will all meet, and have a happy reunion on the other side, with all the others who have been joined to us in loving ties, on the way.

Do you remember the day, March 4, when you went, for the first time was it not? to the caucus on the hill? you did not venture to vote though you would be 21 the next day.

(3.)

~~though~~ I have since learned that you might have voted, being so near the prescribed age. only a few hours. Many a good time we have had in the old home, have ~~we~~ not?

I suppose Roberts is having his review this week. How is he getting along? I am sorry ~~to have~~ him have such a strain, but if he keeps well, and does not lose his sleep over it, he will get along. I am sure. I wish he were stronger physically and less ~~forward~~ mentally. Are his digestive powers good now? Am glad Margaret's eyes are more comfortable. How is Roberts' arm? So Edward is talking more plainly. & he and Mary are running races. I trust he will come out all right in time.

I have been wanting to write to Zaidee and Howard, but have not got to it yet. It must have been a treat for Howard to get home for Sunday. I have been wondering whether he could not do so now and then. How far are you from Topeka? Zaidee will soon be at home, unless she engages for awhile longer. She is doing well. Have you been able to get help for washing? Have you a washing machine? Are you all trying to be care free (to not leave things around for the mother to pick up)? It makes a great difference in the work. It must be a treat for you all to be together again. and you will be glad to get settled in the parsonage. Do not be discouraged about the outlook. You are good at bringing a church up. and it will be good work for the Master. Are they able to do something reasonable financially? Is it Home Mission ground? Much, very much love from

Aunt Mary.

We gave the balance to Mr. Irvin. $1.50 having decided that it was the right way. Am glad to get a confirmation from you.

Irving Charlie's wife's name is Lizzie. Where did they live when you were at school together? Her sister Anna lives in this block.

Mary Rice is William J. Rice's daughter. She married a Henry Jones, son of Dean Co. He proved very unworthy and she resumed her old name, & now lives with her mother in the village in the house that Dr. Morey occupied when you were here last. It has been remodeled. I have not yet had an opportunity to give your regards to the friends mentioned. Rowland Williams & Willie are both married the former teaching in New York & the latter at Hastings on the Hudson. Willie has a dear little girl, [illegible] about 3 I think. Robert's birthday will come this month, & so will mine.

Rimson N.J. Nov 5, 1902

Dear Nephew;

Yours of Oct 30, was received Sat evening. We have read it over very carefully, and we both feel reluctant to have you involve yourself in a debt of $2500. or $3000. which would we fear be a great burden for you to carry without satisfactory compensation. As you do not wish to keep the farm and run it yourself, we fear that its possession would but be an incumbrance which would cripple you in your life work, especially with

a heavy debt, with its inevitable interest to pay. It is not easy to sell at all times, and not being on the spot, and your mind occupied with ~~the~~ "weightier matters"; and more in your line. it ~~would~~ me feel, cripple you very much and might easily get you deeper & deeper into trouble. You know my experience in N. Y. makes me wary of having one in whom I have an interest & who is so dear to me, get into as tight a place as I did. Would it not be best to let it go, as Esther & Frances have suggested, at auction, for what it will bring, & after all debts are paid, let you each have your share, what

ever that may be. Are there any debts to pay except mine? Of course your traveling expenses &c &c would come out of the general fund before the division. Have you those things down so that Frances' lawyer may have no reason to complain even should he be so disposed? Of course you know all about that. When Frances was here for a little visit not long ago, I told her that you had placed a Monument for your Father, her Father and the rest, & she said she was very glad. She & her mother had been talking about it & wishing there might be one, & I told her that you had spoken to the

Probate judge about it & he said it would be all right. She was very glad that it had been done. As to the loan of Money for purchase, we have neither of us any on hand to loan except the $1000. which is with you on the farm. Our legacy does not come due till next spring. The $1400. towards buying this house was advanced as a favor, and we do not expect any more till it comes regularly. —— We can realize that you may be embarrassed in the matter of getting every thing in shape to ~~[illegible]~~ with Frances

just now. Is it so? Please let me know and perhaps we can help you with that Thousand. Should you not borrow those larger sums; involving you in so great encumbrance, we could let you have the $1000. on your Note, (No Mortgage) which we would consider as good as your bond. Do not hesitate to be perfectly frank in writing to me about it. You know I know a good deal about these difficulties, and can understand. If we can thus help you with that $1000. Send the papers back so I can make them payable to you.

If after all you should [illegible] to

make a bid on the farm, let
some one else bid on it for
you, "bid it in" as, if you should make it
known that you wished to be
the purchaser, it would probably
be run up, perhaps by some in
Frances' interest & she would be
the gainer and you perhaps be
the loser, as ~~you~~ the larger the
sum, the larger the other half
would be, and if you are the
buyer, it would come out of your pocket.
I sold my household furniture to
a dealer with the privilege of
an auction in the house. & not
not having reserved a carpet. I bid
myself on what I wanted. It was
at once run up by the seller probably
& I had to pay more than it was in the first place.

We wish you not to feel in a hurry about leaving Kansas on our account. We both feel that it would not be wise or advisable. We have a very comfortable house, with the quiet & restfulness that are so desirable for us just now. and friends are all around us. Of course we would enjoy it very much to have you and yours near, and it may be, (and we hope it will,) so arranged by the Providence of our Heavenly Father that after awhile we may have more of each others society. but it will be better for you to take time and watch the leadings

Do not throw yourself out without a reasonable prospect of something good elsewhere. I have not had an opportunity to see Mr. Cross, & will do so if it so[me] that I can before long. Am just writing to let you know how it strikes us just now.

Anna has had some of her old fashioned chills the past week, but is much better quite bright again. We will try to write to you oftener. Our warmest love to you and yours.

Your Aunt's
Mary & Anna.

Remsen, N.Y. Nov. 6, 1902

Dear Nephew & Niece;

If that matter of selling the farm comes up soon there is not much time to spare. We feel more and more that it would be a very great risk for you to borrow money to buy the farm & though you might possibly get some more in case you could sell it at an advance later on, (you might not be able to +) it would not balance the interest you would have to pay and the care, and interruption in your life work. It would seem to be a trial to you to see it go for less than you think it is worth, but that would

not be so bad as to have all the worry &c for years as you might, & then possibly lose it all, and perhaps more in the end. still you are in the [illegible] & must do as you think best. My experience in G. C. has crippled me to this day.

It occurs to me now, that if you should raise borrow the money to buy the farm, the other side might think that you had made the money out of the farm & thus find fault. They would not know that you had run in debt to buy it. I should not feel safe to put any money in the farm as matters stand.

and if you can possibly come out straight in settlement without it I would rather you would not take that thousand now

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if it will

Better let the Farm settle itself and then see how you stand. We would not mind having that not invested just now. as we are having extra expenses now, and probably will have for some time to come. Would not like to have you involved in law complications, as that takes money and is troublesome.

It does not seem to me that there could be [illegible] equal partition of the farm, as it is not all equally valuable, is it? The part on which the buildings are being the most valuable I believe.

We would like to help you [illegible]

Most lovingly, [illegible]

Remsen N.Y. 12-27-04

My Dear Ones.

Just a line to say that we are in usual health. Jane gaining nicely; is "All around the house"; has good appetite, and doing well. You must be very busy now these days, visiting with the children, and I suppose with Christmas doings. I am quite anxious to know whether the photos went safely without being all smashed up in the jam. Perhaps I was unwise to send them now, with the rush. but tell me anyway. Did the cigar box with its few contents go safely? I have been very busy, getting off booklets &c and have left only about two hundred, out of 580. Am not through quite, yet. How many should I save for the family? Much, very much love to all. Hope you had a Merry Christmas & will have a Happy New Year! This in haste to wait. [illegible]

on Saturday evening. I was almost in hopes that it might not be till Monday evening, & thus give my little presents a chance to have the children have one thing more. But the gifts were so small, that they might appear insignificant. I was very sorry not to give Margaret's little doll a better dress, so she might have a change of apparel, but had to let it go, as the clerk passed it over to me. Cannot sew much as my wrist is still lame and weak. Jane is gaining, but does not regain her strength very fast. She took a ride as far as the village yesterday, and Frank reports today (Her second ride) that it did her good. Did the western storm which reached us yesterday do you any harm. Have wondered whether it caught you on your trip to the Park on Sunday last. How was it? With the young folks of the family.

Remsen, N.J. Dec 28, 04

My Dear Nephew:

Yours of the 24th came yesterday, in company with one from E.W.E. All good and welcome; with Christmas greetings.

Thank you for the Woman's Home Companion. I have seen an occasional copy and liked it. I have sent for the Ladies Home Journal for Helen, and the Advance to be continued for you. Are you on Home Mission ground? I sent them a dollar, with the promise that if you were not I would forward another dollar. I hope I shall soon hear that little May is much better. The little dear, it is hard to have so severe a disease at such a tender age. The little lungs are so small and delicate.

Do you had your Christmas tree

find time to write me a letter of the Christmas doings! I do hope the little one is better ere this. You will have to be particularly careful of her the rest of the winter. Have you a good Doctor?

Your ladies did finely with their Bazaar. and that present of canned fruit! Was not that nice! You were so unsettled last summer that I suppose not much was put up. Have the friends brought in much from farms, &c! Dear little Edward, with his ownership of the baby. Not a bit of jealousy there! I wish the world had less of it. Must close now, and take this to the office. as the walks have just been shoveled, and still there is snow in the air. Snowed nearly all day yesterday. The day previous we had a glorious.

and most welcome rain, filling cisterns and springs for the farmers. Our cistern was not entirely dry, but many were, Jane's among the rest. The cold weather came without snow & I think we had no rain since sometime in [illegible].

Good bye with lots of love or I will miss the 11:20 mail. Did the photos reach you, & when, in what shape? also the little box. Good bye, Farewell [illegible] let me know know how the baby is.

Most lovingly
Aunt Mary H. E.

The storm is not severe here only a good deal of snow [illegible] sleighing.

Remsen, N.Y. 1-20 '05

My Dear Nephew;

Yours of the 16th came a day or two ago. I was, as I always am, very glad to hear from you. What a cold spell you have been having; Is your house comfortably warm with your two stoves? I do hope the dear baby is better of her cold. You will have to be very careful of her through the cold weather. Pneumonia leaves tenderness and predisposition to another attack. However I trust that she will come out of this all right, and that you will all weather the winter without more colds. The first winter Brother Edward was in Kansas they had intense cold, the water in the teakettle freezing

when a good fire was burning they had a North door with no storm house, and bottom stone on that large floor, for a long time — That you can see me lots of good. I have a seal skin cap that used to be Robert's which I have kept all these years in a china cupboard, hoping that sometime I could get a cap for you out of it. What sized cap do you wear? I am almost afraid it is too poor, as it did service for a good while, but if I have an opportunity I can see. The lining is all right, the cotton is taken out and the outside is left. What have you besides the cap to keep you warm on your rides? I am enclosing a check for five on 1st National Bank of Utica. I have been a little short this fall or should have sent you more

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Are the people prompt in paying up the Salary? Have you had to draw on your reserves? Maggie is ready to go to the mail so Good bye with a heartful of love from

Aunt Mary
H. Eisper[?]

340 Genesee St. Utica N.Y.
Jan 7, 1907

My Dear Ones:

I was so thankful for
that card, to let me know that the
things got there safely, and in time
for the Christmas cheer and the
reunion. Was it Rheumatism
that was troubling J. E. when
he was at home. He wrote
me that he was not very well
and so not able to accomplish
all that he wanted to do.
Cousin Mary says she is
going to write to you, but she ~~is~~
wishes me to give her thanks for
the beautiful shawl you sent
to wait until sends love to all.
her. She says she is sorry so many
of you have to wear glasses as she
knows so well how hard it is
to keep track of where they are.
Fannie was also much pleased
with her present, but is now
busy with her dressmakers, and

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not here to send her thanks.
J. E. writes that Roberts' arm
is still troubling him. It
will for a long time. It it takes
a sprain longer to heal than
a break. He will have to be
careful not to let the bone
slip out of place again.
Mont fell from the piazza
at the Island once, and
dislocated his left elbow. It was
set at once, but was a long time
in a sling & he had to have help to dress
&c, but it came all right in the
end. What does the Dr. think
about his not being able to
bring his hand to his mouth? Is it
the tendons that are lame?
Are you going to stay in Topeka
for some time yet? I have
something to send to you Helen,
which I forgot to bring down to his

in with the rest of the things. It will go by Mail, but I do not want to send until I am sure where. Am much obliged to Howard for the papers, I think he writes well and earns his salary. I hope the glasses will do all that is needful for Margaret's eyes, otherwise the operation is very simple & easy. Are Robert's glasses all right now? Am sorry Zaidee['s] eyes are still troubling her. Hope the new venture will be more successful. Am glad she succeeds so well with her school. I want to write to her again, as soon as I can. Clara went back to her school last Saturday. Had two weeks vacation. Margaret was at home and we met one day at Jane's & one day at my house, ~~another day~~.

Cousin Mary told me after the things started that she feared that some faded article had slipped in with the rest, she had throw it on the shelf near the others to get it out of the way, and she thought it must have gone in. You will understand. The things were packed so quickly that I hardly saw all. Fannie is a Master hand at such things and was in a hurry with Christmas doings. She is just fine. — I came down here on Friday last & expect to return home this noon. Good bye with ever so much love to all.

Aunt Mary

Can Roberts carry his left hand to his mouth with the other hand?

My Dear Ones:

Is not this funny paper? I did not notice the hem-stitched arrangement when I bought the tablet last evening although on the cover it says "Hemstitched note". You can just imagine how thankful I was to receive your letter yesterday afternoon with the familiar inscription and the postmark "Chapman" which told me that you had reached there, all this before opening the letter. I think it was the better way to take a house, as there would otherwise be the constant care lest there be some annoyance, though not intended at all. Your last two letters written in the midst of hurry at the two ends of the journey were both very welcome, assuring me of your safety at least. I trust that you will all be very happy there and useful too. Shall look with much interest for

record of further developements.
All the friends well at this end of the line. This is another beautiful sunny day. We have had so many cloudy days, that bright sunshine is especially worthy of mention. Some snow fell last night to improve the sleighing. There were three distinct earthquake shocks in Prospect about two nights since or rather in early morning hours. which caused considerable alarm. Houses shook and bottles rattled, but no harm done.

Good bye now, and more anon, and a heartful of love to carry. I trust that the little boy is there ere this. It was to take the 3:45 P. M train Monday. Did you all get there without severe colds? It was very nice to have such good kind friends both to start and to arrive.

Adieu, adieu
your loving Aunt Mary

Remsen. N. Y.
Jan 26, 1907

Is Robert's arm still gaining?

Remsen N. Y. Feb. 24, 1907

My Dear Ones;

What a begining to a letter! but never mind, my sleeve caught in the arm of the chair. I wonder if you are thinking as much about me, these days, as I am about you! My thoughts run that way, all the time, though my letters have been lagging, aside that little card for so long a time. Have been very busy. We have been getting up a present for Mr. & Mrs. Wm H. Williams in consideration of his services as chorister & their faithful services in the church. & I was drawn into it more deeply than was my intention. Abbie Jones & I being collectors. She being cashier, as I was not willing to bother with the care of the money, and I to keep the record. We bought a couple of Willow Rockers, $6. each, used

(2.) for refreshm'ts. the cake
$2.00 for provisions (ham & coffee,)
and had $1.50 over which was
presented ~~to~~ them for head rest, tidy
or something. Do you know what
is the custom to do with the
balance when a present is made
in this way in church work?
We are thinking of making a
present to Maud Charles & Mary
Price after a little as a token
~~of~~ our appreciation of their
services on the organ. Some
thought best to reserve this
surplus towards that fund;
& some to give it to Mr. & Mrs.
Jones. Howe do thev [illegible]?
We had our Social at their
home last Tuesday evening, the
19th & had a very pleasant
time. Have been pretty tired
since but am getting nicely rested.
Henry Davis took us up to church
this morning. Rev. J. T. Jones preached
2 Chron. 7:14
Good night and
pleasant dreams. Lots of love from
Aunt Mary

Remsen, N.Y. Sept 7, 07

My Dear Nephew, Brother;

I am just at home, after a three weeks outing. one week at Lucas camp, Old Forge; came home, Wednesday Noon, two weeks ago, and on the next day took the 10 A.M. train for Boonville with Margaret and Everett. Judson met us there with his team, and we had a very delightful 11 miles ride "o'er hill and dale": much of it up hill, to their pleasant home on "Crowfoot Hill." The air up there always does me so much good. I was from home three weeks & a day, excepting the few hours

from Wednesday to Thursday between the two visits. I am very much refreshed. One letter from you was forwarded to me at Old Forge, (which I have been almost daily intending to reply to) and the last one awaited my return home. I do not wonder that you felt lonesome & homesick when your only regular? correspondent among the relatives, had been silent so long. You were not out of mind though, you may be assured. I am much interested in your boys club, especially in the swimming operations. Have you become an expert at the exercise? I have always been sorry that you had not a good opportunity to take in swimming, in your home education. and have felt that it was a pity that you were

not fitted for emergencies in the water. I think everyone should have experience in that line. Of course one should avoid a chill, It would be a pity not to make good use of your present opportunities. I should have liked to have a share in that Watermelon <u>stunt</u>. It makes my mouth water to think of it! I wish I could share with you my lovely flowing stream of water, in my yard. Though not a <u>swimming</u> pool, the barrel is full and the water pouring into it unceasingly all the year around, and it is always <u>nice</u> and <u>cold</u>. — I sympathize with you deeply in your solicitude in regard to the children, and trust that the good instilled in their young hearts, will bring forth fruit in their future lives. We have

but to do the best we can & trust the result with the All Father. Ps. 32:8 has comforted me many times.

I wish I could send you some of my apples, "The Duches." My two trees are just loaded & they look lovely. Many nice ones have dropped, but there are all still on the trees all that they can profitably hold. Must can some next week, as it is better to do so before they are very ripe, they say. Our Cymanfa begins next week. In Remsen Sept 11–12; Holland Patent, 12–13 & Utica Sat. & Sunday. then to Nelson & Plainfield. I will send you the copies of Press containing acct of death &

Prof Oren Root of Clinton.
Jabez Jones died while I
was at Margarets, and Judson
Margaret & I went to the funeral
He had been for some months
at the home of his niece, Mrs.
Walter Millard, in Turin, on
Welsh Hills. Mrs. Millard is
a daughter Mr. David W.
Roberts. He is quite feeble but
was at the funeral. is 87.
years old I think.

Good bye now, dear
ones with a heart full
of love from –

Aunt Mary.

Remsen, N. Y. Sept 25, 1907

My Dear Nephew;

In your last letter you were in a pensive mood, longing for a glimpse of kindred and old time associations and I seemed to detect a strain of genuine Nostalgia in the refrain. How is it now? A letter from Brother Edward, not long ago, asks if your health is "better than it was," and says that there has been some talk of your taking a trip Eastward. Is that so? Have you been ailing? and have you thought seriously of making a visit to us? How delighted I would be! not to have you sick but to come. Do you think you could come? and are you not well? Please let me know, and how are you all? Maidee must be in her new school by this time. Am glad she is nearer home. How does she like it where she is? I think of her often

What did Howard decide on for this year? Is he well? How do Roberts' eyes pan out? Did Margaret's fine vacation do her lots of good? Is Edward improving any in his speech? I was very busy at the time of Robert's letters to him in his dialect, but it seemed to me, that at some time, he gets the sound of each letter in the alphabet. Am I right there? And the littlest rogue of all! Is Mary a dear good girl these days? And does she try to help Mama sometimes? And how is the dear Mama? I do so long to see you all sometimes. Perhaps we will get, though it may not be all at one time.
A letter from Br. Edward yesterday, reports that Carrole is ill. On the 8th of this month, while in the ...

he was taken with severe pain in right side of bowels. Was not able to continue the Service. Has been in bed ever since. The Doctor (Lindsay) at first thought it was a light attack of appendicitis, then in a few days said there were some symptoms of typhoid. With the Dr's his consent, they called his Cardiff old physician at Colby, Dr. Beaver. He could not come until Tuesday last, said he did not think there was appendicitis, that pain in right side accompanied Typhoid fever & in nearly the same region. I think it must be a light case, at least hope it is not a severe one. Hope so & that he will soon be on the gain. The Dr. said he must not preach until Nov. 1.

We have just had our Gymanfa & a very enjoyable one. Several ministers, not long since from Wales. Mr. Roberts now in Waterville & Mr. Thomas, Rome and two new arrivals, on a trip, Rev. Cynfal Jones, brother in law to Rev. Caradog Jones of Utica, and Rev. Thomas, who expects to spend 2 or 3 months in this country

(Robert of Waterville (N.Y.) & Thomas of Rome are younger)
All in their prime, about 50,
or thereabouts. O, there was another,
Rev. T. J. Jones of Oak Hill, Ohio.
where there is a University of
which he is president. By the way
it is ~~Providence~~ University, How
near that is to Oak Hill I do not
know. Mr. Jones (this one) was
acquainted with Lewis & Jane, since
he was here 29 & 23 years ago, and
so was at Jane's Friday night. Sunday
preached for us in English Sabbath A.M.
& Caradoc followed in Welsh, a
~~good~~ meeting. but what I wanted
to tell you was, that this afternoon
Rev. J. M. [illegible] my next neighbor came
in with Rev. [illegible] Jones, (just from
Wales) and we had a very delightful
visit. He knew Father's name so
well, and appreciated him. He
said that Father's Catechism is now
used in the Sunday Schools there, &
when they have large S.S. gatherings
this catechism is used from which the
children recite, I gave him a few
of our American edition, also of our

S. S. Reader, in which is Father's likeness, and a copy of our church Historical sketch. He seemed much pleased to have the books to take back with him. How many of these little books have you, and how many would you like to have?

This afternoon I came across a waist of Cynthia's dress of which I will enclose a piece. I supposed it went in the package. Shall I send it on. I thought it might perhaps make a dress for Margaret for cold weather. I have been fearing that I exceeded my privilege in sending the last package. If so do please forgive me, and remember, that there was lots of love, more love probably than anything else of value! Good bye, with a heart full of the commodity from

Aunt Mary. H. S.

Remsen, N.Y. 3/31/07

My Dear Nephew;

Yours of the 28th inst. is just received this evening. I feel that I have neglected you, though it has not been intentionally. I sent no telegram to brother Edward, and so wrote to him first, and now it is your turn — Aunt Jane has been and looked very well all winter, and has enjoyed herself very much in riding out and visiting friends. We have had an unusually favorable season for going around in that way, though there has been much ice owing to frequent thaws followed by severe frost —

On Saturday, the 13th of this month she rode down with Frank, and sent him to tell me that she was coming to take dinner with me,

So, according to previous arrangement I invited Rev. J. V. & Candace Jones to come in too, and we had a very enjoyable time. Jane had been calling on some of her cousins, Mary (Morris) Roberts, who is quite lame, and some others, I think, and walked back here with only ordinary rubbers on, instead of her usual high warm overshoes. While here though very bright and cheery, she said that she was not feeling very well, had not taken cold, but was tired, having done something in the housecleaning line the day before — After an afterdinner social time, she said she wanted to make some calls on some of the sick ones. Maggie Pritchard, Tom Pritchard's wife, who has had a broken hip, and Jennie Williams, who is almost disconsolate after the death of her dear Bertha, who left her for the shores of light eight weeks ago. In returning she and Mrs. J. V. Jones, who went with her, stopped to talk with several on the sidewalk, and as the snow was very cold and damp, their feet and

ankles got much chilled. Both took a severe cold which developed sore throat the next morning, though both were in church. but Jane coughed quite a little softly, during service. The next morning, Monday Frank called with something, and to my inquiry as to how she was, said she had a little cold. By [illegible] day, they sent for Margaret, who phoned in the evening to me saying that she had come there. Thursday morning Frank came in and said that Clara was coming down that afternoon, and I could go up with him, and return when he would come to meet Clara at 3.30 P.M. I had a nice visit with Margaret and Jane, who, though in bed, was cheerful and bright, was sleeping a ~~good~~ deal but easier than she had been the first day Tuesday, when she had pain in side resembling pleurisy. The Dr. had said that the attack was the same as she had 5 years

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ago, though not nearly so bad.
So it went on, we thinking she
would weather the storm, as she
had done before. [illegible]
frequently, She would be bright
Morning, then not quite so well in
the afternoons but better the next
morning. Sunday morning the
spirit was cheery. but at noon
there was a change for the worse.
and Dr. Mory said they ought to have
a Nurse & Frank secured Maggie
Hess, who proved invaluable. Dr. M.
said he would get Dr Gibson from
Utica as counsel. Monday at 7 A. M.
there was another change, and she
continued to fail. Dr. Gibson came
in the afternoon but could do
nothing, Though, as I afterwards
learned, that she did not know
him. Said her chances were very
poor. At 10 P. M. she went home.
Then [illegible] phoned to Robert and to Owen
[illegible] but could not come, but Owen did
I do not know whether he came before

she died, or not [illegible] during this hour and [illegible] C M [illegible] again

W[illegible], May 11th 185[illegible]

Dear brother John,

I should like to commence my school a week from next Monday; that will be the twentieth of May I believe. I could not make it convenient to come sooner as you mentioned in your letter. I have a piece of drawing which I shall not be able to finish until the latter part of next week. I expect one of these days to be competent to take a drawing of our own "sweet home." I fear it will be some time before that will happen however. Can you send, or <u>come</u> for me? I shall be ready to go Friday afternoon or Saturday. If you cannot come for me I can go in the accommodation. I can have a vacation of one week in the haying time if they wish it and thus lose three days at the commencement of next term. Hope that will give satisfaction. John, I am really homesick; do you know what that means? Only think, it is more than six months since I have seen Sarah or Anna or Cynthia! But, one week more, and I shall see them all and Cousin Elizabeth too. I promise myself very much pleasure this summer. I have a great many questions which I should want to ask. How much Sarah sits up every day, how Mother's health is, where Father preached last Sabbath whether Henry goes to the academy yet, whether Anna is going to school

in the summer, how Lizzy and Addy are, and how Cousin E. is, &c., but I shall soon be home and know all about it. It seems a great, great while since I have seen Lewis and Margaret, my very best love to them and all the rest of our dear folks. I am not going to school next week except to drawing, as I have some sewing to do and I must spend a good deal of time on my piece in order to finish it before I go home. Could Father let me have some money? I should like to have seven or eight dollars if he can spare so much, if not, less will do. I want to get a couple of dresses, and some other things and pay my tuition, &c. We had a letter from [illegible] this week. She was well and just commencing another term. I cannot write any more now, shall leave the rest until I come home, only I would just say that the baby is well and good, and improving every day. I don't know what he'll do when his "Aunt Mary" is gone. With much love,

Your sister Mary.

[illegible] times [illegible] till [illegible] that
I can walk the ladder. Saturday,
I walked it four times, besides
the other exercises and walking
four miles in the open air,
and felt [illegible] better for it.

Yesterday it snowed all day, but
I walked two miles through the
snow, exercised three times in
the Hall, and visited with the
girls and read and talked in
the evening till eight o'clock.
This last was rather imprudent,
I did not rest quite so well, and
my head does not feel quite so [illegible]
as usual on account of it. I
mean to retire about seven o'clock.

Do write to me dear Lewis, I have
missed your words very much.

[illegible] Springs [illegible]

Dearest [illegible]

[illegible] you would [illegible]

[illegible] friend

[illegible]

handkerchiefs and collars, and [illegible]

[illegible] good [illegible]

[illegible] all the [illegible]

her, she would think she had a

daughter good for something. There

[illegible] she has washed three handkerchiefs

and is going [illegible] a few moments [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] hands and then [illegible]

Your [illegible]

well. Now she is up again, and over her washtub, or washbowl. I guess I will take her some [illegible] sleigh bought if she will let me.

We are having lovely weather here now. Sunday it snowed and stormed quite Thanksgiving-like, and today the sleighs slip along ~~quite~~ merrily. The Dr. says that this is the first storm of the kind since he has been here. Last week it was as dry as if we had never thought of snow. Today it is very pleasant, and it makes us quite happy to hear the merry jingle of the sleigh-bells.

I am better than when I wrote last week, have not had a return of headache, except a slight one,

which was relieved by dry cupping on the shoulders and back of my neck. I think this is going to do me good. It is not painful, though I sometimes fancy that if my shoulders were not so broad, that it might possibly somehow get all drawn up into the cups. but don't be alarmed, for if such a catastrophe should happen, I have no doubt but that I should come out again as good as new.

Sarah has finished her washing with [illegible] my belt, six handkerchiefs and three collars, and is now hanging them up to dry in the window. It is now twenty minutes of two, and she has done so much

[illegible]

Dear Father.

I recieved Cynthia's letter containing ten dollars from you, tonight. I did not expect any so soon, neither did I expect so much. Thank you, dear father, for so kindly remembering me. [I] shall have enough now, to last till you see me I guess. Thank Sarah for that sunbonnet she sent me. I shall endeavor not to lose this. It has been very warm indeed today. we have hardly had any summer weather before. Has it been cool with you?

I often think of you Father toiling so

incessantly in your study, and wish I could help you. Do you find the new room so pleasant as you expected? Do you not find those shelves a great convenience? Does the afternoon sun make it very warm? Have you ever seen the book entitled ~~The~~ "Supplement to the Comprehensive Commentary" I saw it a few minutes the other day, and think it must be valuable. I wish you had it. It contains a "Guide to the study of the Bible" treating of Biblical Criticism, Interpretation &c. also an "Index to the Bible containing a list of subjects treated of in the Scripture text alphabetically arranged". I had it a little while when studying my Bible lesson last Sabbath and found it very convenient.

Thursday eve. The last bell called me from this unfinished note last night

and this morning it slipped my mind until when I was studying my Rhetoric lesson, some remarks on letter writing brought it suddenly to my mind, but too late for remedy I was obliged to leave it to send tomorrow.

I have analyzed nine flowers today read twenty lines in Virgil, studied the Grammar some, and learned? a very poor lesson in Rhetoric. Father did you ever have poor lessons, when you were a student? and were you ever discouraged? I feel very well tonight - my head ached a little this morning which accounted partly for such a recitation. I did not study the lesson much. Please excuse this little sheet. I knew I could not fill a large one. Much love to all and to you dear Father from your aff. daughter

Mary.

[illegible] of this [illegible]. If you have and could [illegible] to be very acceptable, [illegible] what you could [illegible]. I don't suppose you have [illegible] to send, but I thought that perhaps [illegible] to me [illegible]

it [illegible]

[illegible] silk for [illegible] 45 cts. [illegible] here. —

[illegible] to have a sewing machine before Christmas and [illegible] to Wednesday. —

Did you [illegible] after [illegible] Thursday?

Good bye [illegible] with love to all

your affectionate

daughter Mary. —

We all join in love.

[illegible]

Dear [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
and another little piece of paper [illegible]
[illegible] to you. [illegible]
that money [illegible]
too much. I would be glad to get
it. but if you need [illegible] you had
better keep it till you [illegible] the
draft [illegible]. I shall [illegible] some
money before long and I think
that will be too much. [illegible],
Lizzie is talking of getting [illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible] I presume [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Utica Oct.

Dear Father;

There was a man here a few minutes ago who wished some of the "Arweingeld" sent to Rowland Morris, Paris Hill. as many as 37 cts will pay for. He said the book for Sunday Schools with A. B. C. S in it so I suppose it is the "Arweingeld". He wants them sent "as soon as you can". He also said that if there was postage to pay he had three cts.

for that purpose. I did not know what the postage would be so I took the three shillings and three cents. promising to send you word. The money we will keep till we go up, if we dont do something else with it. We are doing very well. Robert feels better than he did last week. quite busy today. Mr. Phillips & family in for Photographs fourteen in the group a whole room ful down stairs besides.

We received ~~your~~ Cynthia's letter this morning. were very glad to get it and John's. will preserve & return it.

We went this morning to see dear Margaret's tomb-stone. We think it is very pretty indeed. Like the verse very much. It was nearly finished, to be sent up this afternoon.

We also called this morning ~~at~~ Mr. Lewis' to see Mr. & Mrs. Benedict. Mrs. Benedict is looking very much better than when we saw her. Sent much love to Sarah & Cynthia would have liked very much to have seen them, and if she could have spared another day thought she should have gone up to see them. Their stay was

so short, they could not
send word to Sarah.
I do not know when
we shall go up but
shall myself be ready at
any time. This has been
a beautiful day, a happy
contrast to the former
days of this week. Good
bye now with much
love. It is most time
to start for Graffenburg.

Your loving daughter
Mary.

167 W. 34 St. N.Y.
[illegible] 14, [illegible]

Dear Father,

[illegible]

[illegible] the P.O. [illegible] Money [illegible]!!

Our [illegible] will not [illegible] for the present!

[illegible] some [illegible], which is [illegible] from the [illegible], I know it [illegible], it takes hold in some cases very powerfully, [illegible] the arm very much & sometimes causing troubles [illegible] to the body but never mind. [illegible]

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] severely alone and all will come right:-
A dose of Sulphur will do no harm but nothing [illegible] more.
I will send you a [illegible] dollar's worth & you may [illegible] cannot have one point. The vaccine is on the wide end of the quill. It does not look as if there were any thing on it but there is. All you have to do is, after scratching [illegible] away till you see some serum & perhaps a [illegible] little blood, to hold the point on a few minutes, the edge & then the back, Let it dry before covering. & that is all. [illegible] was vaccinated once this winter & it did not take & tonight I made another trial.—

I do not believe in using vaccine taken only [illegible] removed from the cow. So dont use each other's scabs. I can get all you wish of pure vaccine. It is put up by a friend of mine & a classmate.

I am sorry you still continue so feeble. Are you able to go out any, or is this March weather keeping you in? Pick up your courage; the backbone of the winter is broken and Spring will soon be here in reality as well as in name.

I send Jennie some Silicea; also some Sanguinaria which seems to hit a good many colds this winter.

My roommate Miss Griffith sends love, she is a jewel of a girl & has done much to make my winter pass pleasantly.

I have not yet been to Brooklyn, tell Jennie I write to them. The exertions to go over there when Lizzie was sick was too much

for me with the [illegible] which has
your experiments [illegible] doubtless [illegible]
the [illegible] doubtless [illegible] that
him [illegible] had gone
[illegible] while [illegible]
[illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible] right again.

Good bye dear mother,
very much love from
your obedient daughter
Mary.

Have Lucie's children been
vaccinated? It would
not hurt you all to have
it tried. You cannot be
too careful before using it for more than
one person, then your pen-
knife or lance should be
disinfected by dipping in a
very weak solution of carbolic
acid if you can find the bottle
that I left at home, & then in
hot water. If you cannot find the
carbolic acid, perhaps weak lye will
do.

NEW YORK
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10 30 AM

Rev. R. Everett D.D.
Remsen
N.Y.

333 W. 34th St.

A. & E. arrived last. eve at 7.45 — all right. Met them at the Depot. Pleasant journey. Will write soon. Barrel came in due time, have written to Wm.

M. H. E.

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To Rev. R. Everett D.D.

Remsen

15-5-74 N. York.

Evening at Rev. J.A. Young's
Sis started in his father
this afternoon. Very rich
man in the street. There
were six teachers going to
Charlotte. I have finished
and two others going with
them through Charlotte
to Selma, Ala. They were
all [illegible]. I left [illegible]
little sister's family will [illegible]
Charlotte, and that I think
will be useful and well.
Miss Daniels has [illegible]
[illegible] so I must
look around tomorrow

[illegible] is trying to get
some one to bring my
trunk here till I
get settled. Mrs. James
is very kind. I
feel in good spirits
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible] whatever [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
I keep [illegible]
[illegible] take [illegible]
Good bye [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

a good meeting —
Mary Ellen [illegible]
company [illegible]
on the 3rd [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
The fog was thick
last night that [illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
My little [illegible]
directly to the room [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

see me. She thought
I ought to go along too
and I always knew
I was going so all
went to a restaurant
and had dinner all a
good time generally
Good for Papa —
Dinner —

Saratoga, Jan. 1855.

Dear Brother;

I reached there safely, but very tired Monday eve. Did not see the girls that night, as it was most time for them to go to bed, and I did not care for more excitement myself. We all rested nicely that night, they in happy ignorance of my arrival, and I in blissful consciousness of the same. Next morning, after breakfast, the meeting came off without any very great commotion.

to see you so much.

I do not think it would [be]
safe for Sarah to go
home now. She is quite
smart, but very frail,
her bowels are so weak,
that if she should have
one or two acute attacks
of diarrhea there is great
danger of ulceration, and
if that should take place,
there would be no help
for her. Dr. thinks if she
is here through the warm
weather, so that they can
watch every symptom, ~~that~~
she can get safely through till
cool weather and then go home
and continue to gain.

In regard to myself, I think
it would be a benefit for
me to stay a few weeks
perhaps six, or so, but my head,
my head, it will take me a great
while to get well of that.

Mary.

some one will go with
her to Schenectady. I believe
Fanny Lewis intends to go
Monday so you must come
out if it will be more
convenient for you to wait
another week. Dr. and Mrs.
Ayvins, wish very much that
William Thomas could come
out with you Dr. wants
to get him here. Mrs. D.
says she would be willing
to pay half his fare out,
and Dr. would be willing
to pay the other half, but
would hardly like to have
him know that he was
so anxious. —— You will
come out before long, will
you not? They all want

you see they were very
careful this time. Mrs. Strong
says she has heard of folks
being "tickled to death," and she
thinks our people come the
nearest to it of any persons
she ever saw.

I find Cynthia very much
improved. She is quite smart
is ~~was~~ not quite well yet. her
stomach troubles her a little,
but Dr. thinks she can
go home and keep on
gaining, with care. If
you should come out on
Saturday, she will go
home with you. If you
do not, I guess she will
go Monday. perhaps Fanny
Lewis will go then, or else

New Graefenberg
June 7, 1856.

Dear brother Robert:

It really seems a long time since you left. I have missed you much and have tried to make my fancy tell me what you were doing. William said this morning that he guessed you were making fences. Was that so? Wm. is kind as ever, and tries to make it pleasant for me now I am alone. I enjoy myself very well, do not have the blues, walk some, and rest some, as my strength holds out. I am feeling better than when Mother was here.

[illegible] to walk out a day of [illegible] am Food. by [illegible] Am not well enough [illegible] now. dear Brother Love to yourself and all friends. Your loving sister Mary.

cold a good deal better. Still it holds on in my head.—
I took a dry pack yesterday and a wet one today.—
Things go on here about as usual. We miss Mrs. Holland's pleasant countenance at table and elsewhere. Your seat also is vacant, and your room. I go in there once in a while, but do not stay long. It seems too lonely. They have papered the little room out of the office, and have been at work today on one or more rooms on the second hall. Mrs. Holland sent up several very pretty kinds of paper.—

I find Mrs. Sanford a very pleasant companion. You know I can visit but little but when I am able. I

enjoy her company very much.
This is a very fine evening calm and mild. As I sit by the window and look out, the face of Nature seems to ~~look~~ beam with a quiet smile, yet with all the freshness and sweetness of early Summer. Birds are singing their good night song the sweetest of the day. The busy hum of the day is hardly hushed, yet children playing without, others busy within. Yet the tide of noise and bustle is ebbing, and we shall all be glad to rest. I am very tired and so Good night for the present, it [is] too dark to write any more by daylight.
Monday morn— We had a very pleasant Sabbath. George, his Sarah and Mary Lewis to [dinner]

went to church. I felt pretty well walked to the corner twice; had quite a sing in the morning with Miss Sanford and in the afternoon with George. George and I made pretty good music, at least we thought so. I am having quite a promising boil on my cheek. It is rather painful, but still I feel thankful for it, hoping that my head may be better. What a place this Water Cure is though. Isnt it? Wm wants me to tell you that he thinks of you every day. How are you prospering, shall I not hear from you soon? Thank Mother for that nice little package she sent up from Utica. Did you take that cloth to Mrs. Hungerfords or was it sent home by mistake; I cannot find it here was intending to go to Mrs. H's on Saturday about it but did not feel able

Home. July 15. 1866.

Dear Brother;

I was sorry to leave so unceremoniously without bidding you good bye. but so it seemed to happen, and I could not have it otherwise. Hope you returned comfortably to our Graefenberg home last evening without feeling much fatigued from your long stay at Utica. — You will observe that I left my work-box with needles & thread &c. — for your convenience, also your folio. Your best vest and pants I put in a band box under the table.

I think there is room for your coat too if it were brushed and folded up nicely. Do you take?

We had a pleasant journey home. I was quite tired when we reached Utica. We went first to call on Uncle Henry. As Father had several errands to do, Uncle went with me to the depot, checked my baggage and gave me a ticket. Was he not kind! Had about fifteen minutes to rest in the cars before the iron horse drove up, when off we were hurried and were soon at Remsen.—

I rested all the way in the cars, and felt quite bright on reaching R. went to Mrs. Hughs. where I rested again till Sarah

& Lizzie drove up in the
buggy to take me home.
So you see I took it
easy, and consequently feel
no worse for the trip.
It seems very pleasant I
assure you to be at home
once more, surrounded by
so many happy faces.
This is a beautiful day, we
had a severe, but very grand
and beautiful thunder storm
last night, which cooled
and purified the air very
much.
When you come home,
Mother wishes you to bring
with you those woollen socks
which you have. she thinks
they are Tommy's. Father
wishes you to send John's
letter, if you please, tomorrow.
You know he requested us

to return it, but we neglected to do so. Send it tomorrow, as Father wants it for publication together with another still later. He intends to send them to the Herald. —

Please excuse both the composition and penmanship of this, as you will perceive by them that both my head and hand are tired. —

Love to all my Graefenberg friends, and much for yourself from

Your aff. sister

Mary —

Home Parsonage,
July 17, 1856.

My dear Brother:

I wrote to you on the morning after my return home, ([illegible]) and have been daily looking for a reply but in vain — Will you not drop me a line, if you do not think it will be an injury to you? If you do not like to write, please send me a paper, so that I may know on which continent you now reside, whether on this, or the other side of the water.

this suspense makes me sad. You my dear brother have been so constantly in my mind for so many months, that I cannot at once rest easy a whole week without knowing something of your welfare. I would give a great deal to see you for a little while, but I hope you are enjoying yourself, and still improving. Do you continue to sleep as much as ever? I think that is as easy a life as one need wish to live. Please give much love to Mrs. Holland, Miss Dourneau & the little ones. Mrs. Sandford Isabel, the girls &c., &c. also my kind regards to Dr., Tom, little Henry, Mr.

Morris, Mr. Briggs, Jimmy,
George, Charly, and all
others with whom I have
the pleasure of an ac-
quaintenance. — Is Miss
Jenkins any better? Poor
girl she has a hard
time of it. —
Jennie came home
day before yesterday and
right glad we were to
see her. Her health seems
to be good, but she is
quite tired after her
journey. —
I have been feeling
pretty well since coming
home, that is I have
had almost no pain, but
am rather weak yet, am
gaining a little in strength
It seems really pleasant
to be at home again.

when shall we hear from you, my brother? I must close now with much love from all and so much from

Mary. —

Robert, will you not come home soon to see me. You know it is a long, long time since I have seen you and it seems that I can not have it much longer, I should have gone to see you from Utica but I feared to do so. I remembered what pernicious effects resulted from my visit to [illegible] when I returned from the East. I had a very pleasant journey home and I was delighted to reach my home! — What do you think about going to Saratoga? It seems to me that Sarah ought to go and that very soon, If you feel strong enough I wish you would accompany her. The change would be good for you. Hoping soon to see you I remain

Kinsman July 23, 1856.

Dear Brother;

Your letter last evening was as gladly welcomed as it had been anxiously looked for. We had been fearful, judging from your silence, that you were worse, but trust that now you are improving nicely. The people here, all except your worthy sister, are very busy with haying, Cenhadur, washing windows, sewing &c. &c. Ben. comes out next week. Had a letter from John & Sarah last eve. They were all well. My health is improving. Am gaining a good deal in strength

Will you give this little Republican flag to Wallie with my love.

though I still have to rest
more than half my time. –
"Mae Mary yn edrych yn
well o lawer iawn." "Mae
ei golwg yn well o lawer."
That is what our friends
say. Father said this morning,
that I was begining to look
quite like Mary. – So you
see they think I am
better, and I know I am.
Will you not send that
letter of John's when
you next write! –
Jennie is well and expects
to be with us some time.
Jane Lewis's wife has not
been very well for a
few days. is better however
The rest, all well. and
unite in sending much
love to our brother Robert. –

Please give love to all inquiring friends and
[illegible] a [illegible] for yourself from Mary

Robt Everett Jr

~~(to be left at Central Hotel, Utica)~~

New Graefenberg

Herkimer Co

N. Y.

[illegible] N.Y.
July 15

R. Everett Jr.
New Graefenberg
Herkimer Co.
N. Y.

Remsen N Y
July 19

[illegible], Kansas
Feb. 24 1871

Dear Aunt Lettie,

I sent a letter home yesterday giving some description of the house here &c, and find this morning that the middle sheet was left behind! So here it is, with a little added. Hope we will have a letter from Annatomie soon. I have been with Jennie so long & so constantly that I naturally think of her a great deal & long to know how she is.

25th — This has been [illegible] & I have been doing some things which were cut out more than two years ago for [illegible] the needle work. Miss Wilson is a dress maker & is making my brown delaine dress, which will make me very comfortable. Last evening I went down to [illegible]

[illegible]

and was rewarded by receiving Kitti's two letters of the 24th & 25th. It was a great comfort to receive them and to know that Jennie was some better and the rest of you all so well. Hope Jennie will continue to be cheerful. Does she eat any better? That will make her improve, as well as keeping warm. It is so kind of Tibbie to sleep with her nights.

Have you felt much from the cold snap this week? Did you have snow? Wednesday forenoon was very mild indeed at noon it was really warm. About three P.M. it began to snow a little & blow cold from the north & we had quite a blusta not much snow. That night the cistern pump froze & has not thawed out yet. It is in the yard near the kitchen door.

P.E. has been assisting with special meetings ~~five~~ three nights this week at a place about 12 miles from here. He went Tues. P.M. with livery & returned that night went back the next noon by train & has just now come in, but says he must go back again today. They have very interesting meetings

am told by others " " says the same thing. This is the 2nd week of the meetings. Their Minister has assisted at communion services at Harper & he wanted E. to assist him. E. keeps well & says she is going to write to some of you in this. I am glad John is well again. I can just imagine how he enjoys cooking for himself. You are improving in the butter line. Does the price still keep the same? I should think that eggs would keep up for awhile as so many are wanting to keep eggs now to put under the hens & sit them. I am having a good rest & am feeling better though not entirely over my cold yet. It is mostly in my head. I shall write to Annie today & send your letters to her. Will you please look in the back cupboard for my glasses. They are in a case. They may possibly be on the table [illegible] [illegible]. If there [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] write again. I

I can have them altered & [illegible]
but will perhaps have something [illegible]
~~sent on with them.~~ On Second
[illegible] I think [illegible] if the glass
[illegible] you may [illegible] please, and
my black Shoodah dress, polonaise &
[illegible] the glasses in the [illegible]
Jennie will know the dress.
It is in the bundle that is gone
in charge with Will. Jennie
~~will know the dress.~~ I think
there is in the same bundle
long skirt which [illegible] a ruffle.
Put it in, as it may be of use. (no matter if it is not there)
I can clean it here. Send by
Mail. I will give you an
order in this for five dollars. [illegible]
will want postage [illegible] this & that
all want also pay for the other things. The
blankets may be more than there [illegible] If so perhaps [illegible] will help you [illegible]
[illegible] will [illegible] & reckon [illegible] how much [illegible]
[illegible] there. Has anything been
done with the 50 cts worth of sugar
that I got for Jennie the day we started?
If not, can you not take it on Jennie's
hands. Much love to [illegible] Aunt [illegible].

(Hammer letter)

(2.)

He had had but little time to prepare, but the good folks here thought it was the best he had preached yet. They think "he will fill a large pulpit when he becomes fully developed." I was introduced to most of the people there, who greeted me very warmly as the [illegible] of their much beloved pastor. They [illegible] might [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] "we think a great deal of him" [illegible] They have no church edifice but worship in a room [illegible] alone, tho' it is a bright cheery room, with white walls, high & roomy, 2 windows back & front, a platform in front of the audience with a small [illegible], on the left an organ with settee for singers, & on the right [illegible] with [illegible]. Two rows of settees (movable) in front of speaker for audience & back of them, on one side, near the door, a cheery stove. Mottoes trimmed with evergreens around the room & [illegible] strings of evergreens from one place across to another. (Remnants of Xmas decorations)

On back of platform [illegible] the

white
[illegible] are three [illegible]), [illegible]

at right [illegible]
[illegible] in [illegible] "[illegible]"

on the left one "We praise thee, O God."

"Behold I bring you tidings of great joy," and
& on the [illegible], ~~[illegible]~~
and above that "Wonderful, Counsellor."
~~in the highest~~. Altogether the room
is very cosy & cheerful, though
[illegible] as such rooms
are, but [illegible] was cosy &
[illegible]. The church is [illegible]
cumbered with debt, & expects in
time to have a church edifice. The
other church organizations have fine
buildings, erected during the boom,
which are heavily mortgaged.
~~The~~ ~~serv~~ service started at 12 M., and
then we [illegible] home to dinner
after which [illegible] took a little rest, &
at 4 P.M. took the train for [illegible]
to preach in the evening. Next Sabbath
he will preach there in the morning
11 A.M. & here in the [illegible]. This
is a very pleasant family. Grandpa &
Grandma Wilson aged 7[illegible] & 7[illegible], who have
been married 56 years, & are as [illegible]
as can be. (They had a golden wedding.)
Next Barber & Mary Wilson son & daughter,
[illegible] has a farm 6 miles distant & the
[illegible] is housekeeper. Then Lina & Jenny
[illegible] ~~[illegible]~~, ~~brother~~ & sister, [illegible]
daughter who died when Jenny was [illegible]

Lizzie dear

[illegible]

For Dijie.

Rome Sept 17.

Dear Sir;

Your letter came today. We should have been gladder to see you, and were sorry for the cause of the change in the programme, but the letter [illegible] me a good deal. The enclosed letter was a very well written and seemed to the point that I rather thought best for me to add nothing to it. [illegible] very well [illegible] [illegible] right. If that brings no return, I will

take my time and write
some few things that are
on my mind. I believe
my dear that you will let
your mind rest ~~xxx~~ as
much as you can so far
as this matter is concerned
then rest and be as happy
as possible. this is a bright
cheerful world after all if
there are trials mixed
with the blessings. "taking
it years together my dear
there is more of sweet than
sour." I mailed your letter tonight
took it down myself and then
went to the store and bought
some flannel for a night
dress for Lina which is
cut out - also some fin[e]
wrappers and drawers which

is not out [illegible] left it [illegible]
to get this ready to send to
the Office tomorrow me
when Mr. Evans takes his
[illegible] to [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the meeting
especially as I know you
care much more for
them than I do, as I [illegible]
[illegible] so much. [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] thought
except Anna and A. —
I think you had better wait
[illegible]
[illegible]
you like about [illegible]
[illegible].

I wish very much I could
have a talk with [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] my mother. I ought
to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] if we all
[illegible] should have them?
better than with me perhaps
you will say. well enough
if we were all well. but
I do think we will have to
have some change this winter
I wish you could be here
to go with me to look at
the rooms if we think
of taking them. Mother
did not seem to think
very favorably of it [illegible]
she thought the rent
was so high. I do not
do that [illegible]
of the [illegible]
[illegible]
and try to get a place in
her office for a little
while. ~~I~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Good bye now
accept a great deal of love
from Anna & Mary.

Near Fredericksburg
Feb 18, [illegible]

Dear Sister;

Thank you for your kind letter, and another for [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] what [illegible] to hear. We are glad [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the 3 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Monday [illegible] [illegible] will [illegible] off for another [illegible] not to make herself sick, and the

rest of you please
remember the same
things— Robert is I
think doing well, as
well as we could expect.
Last week Mr. Thomas gave
him but little treatment,
said he wanted to give
the system a chance to
throw off the morbid
matter. It looks so,
the appearance he gave for
several days. Saturday
and Sabbath morning
he was more flighty
and wilful. He has
been talked some
since then and has
been much better
yesterday and today.
Is better today than

yesterday quite comfortable
had a hack this morning.
His great difficulty now
is his appetite. If he
can control that, things
he will get along well,
if not, the chances are
against him. I do
feel so anxious about
this, for I know if
we cannot succeed in
overcoming this he
cannot get well.—
His system is weak
and shattered, & he
appears to understand
his case as we
feel compelled to [illegible]
[illegible] him.—

~~Wednesday~~ Robert is better, [illegible]
both in mind and body than

[illegible] up for 3 [illegible] He is some
[illegible] a [illegible]. He [illegible]
[illegible] better with his
appetite last night &
this morning. [illegible]
[illegible] will
will get well. He [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] — He slept
last night for the
first time till 4½
in the morning, then
[illegible] till day
[illegible]
awake but a little
while. This is the best
he has slept at all.
He is stronger this morning,
~~[illegible]~~, and he takes
more [illegible] a good deal of
the [illegible] I am feeling
pretty well

Mary.

Dear Sir, Get some [illegible]
and make plasters of that
and flour and cayenne
pepper and put on the
inside of wrists of the arm
[illegible], also the knees and
ankles, and on the lower
part of the bowels clear
[illegible]. It will not blister
is excellent for hysteria.
[illegible] also can [illegible]
[illegible] I should think
it would be well to let
[illegible]. Where you [illegible]

[illegible] in a comfortable position and fold your hands as Mother did often interlacing the fingers. You should feel an electric current and the equilibrium restored. I think it would be well for Jennie to lie thus every night for a week in bed for that exhibition then she might sit more [illegible] and take the hands. Thank Pa ever so much for the draft. I was not in need of money but may be glad to [illegible] begin to make [illegible] of the new [illegible]

Kiss you darling. — I am sitting in Father's rocking chair in his study and I just wish you were here sitting on the arm of the same, so we could talk it all over. — We are all very sorry that you are having such a tough time, but I will venture to predict that those naughty little fellows will soon be ~~with~~ among your best friends. You managed them capitally. The other day our "baby" was very naughty when Grandpa was reading &c. so much so that I thought it necessary to give him a little slap and then put him on the bed to sleep. He cried, and screamed a little and then went to sleep. When he woke I went to him, changed his dress &c. and said as I often do, "Do you love me now"? "Ahh" said he "How much"? "Two bushels," and I loved you two bushels then! "When"? said I a little surprised. "When you

let me lie on the bed." was the reply. Even so my sister I shouldn't wonder if that little Adriel loved you even when you punished him. Dont be discouraged, if he dont show it yet. Boys are queer creatures. but you will get along with them if you dont worry too much. — We send you some medicine which you may imagine coming with the Dr's. blessing and ours. and with a good spicing of the Dr's. jolly good nature along with it. We will try to remember to send a vial with your trunk. Do you continue to make yourself comfortable with what clothes you have? Do you keep your feet dry and warm —. How do you get along with your washing We are getting along quite comfortably with Cen.

Good bye with love to you and Eddie

In haste

Mary. —

Sat P. M.

Dear Sister;

Yours card rec'd. I send Kali Carb. for Sarah's cough. It has an early Morning cough 2–3. affects right lung lower lobe Pneumonia. &c. I hope it may help her if her strength is not exhausted before it reaches you; Give China occasionally for exhaustion. also a dose of Sulph. now & then. I do [illegible] that I might be with you.

I trust you will all be sustained & that the dear one may be spared suffering as much as possible. We can pray with perfect confidence to the Great Physician to care for him & also to give us needful wisdom & counsel.

Lovingly

Mary

Sister Si's.

I will get your lace darling one of these days. Should have got it before had I not been so very busy but blame yourself dear. You know your state of health makes you feel that great desire to do such a wonderful amount of work just when you are least able to perform it, and there are a great many like you. I am, myself, but have learned, that when I have that dreadful pressure of business the best thing I can do is just to lie down & "take it easy," ~~easy~~ and if I can't take

it easy, take it as easy as I can"; Just let the world take care of itself for a little while. I had to laugh at your description of the many things you wanted to when you came home from Flynn. It was just as I have for hundreds of times. but do not so much now as I grow stronger.
I should like to hear from you soon again so as to be able to judge whether it will be best to send you something more.
Please excuse my miserable scrawl. Am writing as fast as I can. Too bad isn't it.
With love & twenty-kisses
Your ever loving Sister
Mary. -

163. E. 32 St. N.Y.

Dear Sir;

I think Jennie may feel complimented by the mistake about that letter, for it was very good and well written. Your last and Mother's was gladly rec'd on Sat. eve.

Lizzie got over her diarrhea attack quite soon, but her breast has continued to trouble her, and I think it will break soon if it has not done so already. You will see by the date of this that I am again in

[illegible]. It seems to me that I could not go home. I should wish to stay till I had completed my course, and earned a reputation at least. — One thing I feel sure I will never have any responsibility in another case unless I can have it wholly my own or without the privilege of calling my own counsel if I choose, which was denied me here. — Lizzie got along nicely so long as I had her myself! — I fear mother will think that I am too independent as she usually does, but in this case I have tried to be reasonable entirely as it is too serious a matter to allow personal feelings to influence me any way. — I have endeavored to be strictly conscientious, but perhaps I have erred. Good bye now, pray for me all of you, and for Lizzie that the hand of affliction may be raised. Write soon. Direct to me here. Accept love from

Kizzy.

the asylum that visited me last spring. I had become so reduced that I could do nothing more for Lizzie, especially as the sympathies, almost had become so strong. Perhaps I might have held on a little longer if harmony had prevailed, but as it was, and as I had got down to 105 lbs. which you know is pretty light for me, I concluded to come over to N.Y. for a few days to recruit. Came here yesterday (Mon) afternoon. Am feeling a little stronger, but pretty tired. Would feel much better if my anxiety in regard to Lizzie were relieved. I can only pray for her which I do every hour of the day, -

This has been a very hard trial for me, and I don't know where it will end. It is my most earnest prayer that Lizzie may be spared. She is quite feeble, and her breast was nearly ready to break when I left yesterday. Dr. Bennett (the one who prescribed for the baby) was in yesterday and wished to lance it but she was unwilling. I trust it may have broken by this morning as she dreads the lancing. I should not have left Lizzie had I not felt that it would do her no good at all for me to remain and my own health imperatively demanded it. I don't feel quite ready to go home yet, and if Lizzie should not

Remsen, N. Y. Aug 7, 1907

My Dear Roberts;

I wrote you a very small, hasty letter last evening, enclosing a Two Dollar bill to help you along, I hope it will have reached you a day before this does. Please let me know as soon as you can, after receiving it, if it is only a line. I will enclose in this a postal card, addressed and also a 2 ct Stamp, so you can have all handy, as you have been writing at the Office, and may not have the stationary at home. If you go home as soon as you expected, the time will soon come. Try, now dear boy, to be

very moderate in your reading you will be a stronger and better all around man in the future, if you curb yourself in that direction now. You need to do all you can to build up the body. and it depends so much on your own resolute determination ~~as~~ to what you make of yourself. I want you to grow up a strong noble man, physically, mentally and morally. a perfect man as you can possibly turn out. Then, with what loving pride we will think of you, and will watch to see how you succeed. I am enclosing also an envelope & paper with the stamp. Just write the word "received" on the card, if you are

hurried, as you may be, put
it in the box and I will soon
know ~~of~~ the money has reached you.
Good bye, my precious boy.
I shall hope to hear from
you again, before very long.
either from Topeka or Chapman
Are you keeping quite well?
With a heart full of love
Your loving Aunt
Mary H. Everett

Keep in the open air
all you can
I put the bill between
two cards as before only
they were thicker.

My dear Robbie;

I was ever so glad to get a letter from you and Eddie, It does me good to think that my little boys think enough of me to write to me. I think of you very often when I see things which I think would interest you. The other day I saw on a stand on the side of the street quite a number of round glass vessels with gold fish in them. There was some moss in the water and they were swimming around as happy and so pretty as could be. Some of them were wee little things, less than half as long as your finger, and some of them were eight or nine inches long. They are beautiful little things.

I have a delightful ride across the ferry every night and morning, I almost always stand on the outside of the boat so as to enjoy

the sea air, and it does me so much good. I hardly know how to enjoy it enough.— I was weighed last evening, and found that I had gained two pounds since coming down here. Pretty well, dont you think so? I am gaining in strength too.—

So you have been having some snow.— Have you used your sled any yet? I am glad you are going to have winter school. Hope you will learn a great deal. I think you are going to have a good teacher and I want you to make the best use of your time. How do you get along, my dear boy. Have you earned your five cents yet?

I have not seen Johnny yet, but hope I may be able to next week.

When you write to your Father give my love to him.— I hope you will write to me soon again.— Who washes the potatoes for Aunt Sarah. Good bye now. Give my love to Robbie, Annie and Maggie and their papa and mama. accept [illegible]

Auntie Mary.

My dear Robbie;

Thank you much for your kind letter. I am sorry your school is out but glad that you enjoyed it so well. How do you employ your time now. Have you read Rollo in Naples? What else are you reading? Do you write to your father pretty often? Who helps with the washing now-a-days? Do you skate any? I have not been to Central Park yet. I should like very much to see them skating there.—

Have you got any snow
shoes? Does Mr. Phillips
walk much with his.
or do you have crust?

We don't have much
snow here, but it has
been snowing all day
today. It won't last long.
Who shovels the paths
at home?
What are the Good
Templars doing?
So they mean to get the
Cen. out this week! I
think they are pretty smart
tell Aunt Fannie not
to work too hard.

Please give my love
to all the good folks
at home - Accept a kiss
and write soon to your
affectionate Aunt Mary.

Home, Ju. 10. 1852

Dearest Sister,

Happy indeed would I be if I could sit now by your side and have a nice chit chat. I want to see you very much, and to know precisely how you are. How do you feel this bright cool morning? Did you recieve a letter from Mother and Mary Saturday eve or this morning? If not, you ought to have, and will recieve it soon I hope for we sent on Friday morning. Do we write often enough, or too often? We recieved a letter written by Mr. Sabin, stating that you had been quite sick, but was better then. How low were you dear Sarah, more feeble than you are ~~usually~~ at home when you have such spells?

Do you want one of us to come out to see you if so let us know and we will come immediately. We hope there is a letter now on the way from you for we are very anxious. If you are worse the Dr. will surely telegraph to Robert will he not? Are you worse or better than when you went out.

I dont feel very bright this morning as I have pain and dizziness in my head. I will leave this for mother to finish — Mary.

Mary has written one letter this morning to Miss Coon Kusia and I thought I would take this in hand Ann and Letitia have got through washing and mopping now Ulodek we are all pretty well at home the girls have make Anna & Mary a new dress last week notge

finished Marys, will send you a
sample in this it looks better made up
and will wark pretty well
Catharine and Hannah Edwards
daughter came home last week
Hannah is sick with chills
and fever must cut short
with love from Mother
and all of us

X

March 2. 1853.

[illegible] my dear sister

You are the best correspondent I have, for three letters have come to me in your hand, and only one from all other sources. I trust you will have your reward in some way though you may not in my letters. Etta [illegible] asks for you [illegible] much, and wants to know all about [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]; [illegible] to send you a note one of these days. Etta says she wishes she wasn't so busy she would like to write you. Her health is not very good. Maria Chamberlain wants me to tell you that she is here too, you may send your love to her if you've a mind to in your next. Mr. Hyde wants me to tell you that he dont get any nutcakes now; Aint you sorry for him, I am, and would give him some if I could, but I seldom have occasion to go to the Basement for anything except to the miscellaneous circle in the evening. He wants to know if you have that sack yet? The girls too want to know after [illegible] [illegible] and they all ask if you can dance yet and sing the Springfield Mountain. Miss Shattuck inquired

[illegible] the [illegible] day as though she were much interested and asked [illegible] questions about your sack, and Shrigh[illegible] [illegible] the way. I never heard you sing that, and [illegible] must brush it up against I come home, [illegible] [illegible]. Do you remember Ellen Clark who was [illegible] during your first year? She says you were one of her particular friends.

[illegible] recreation day again. I hope you will not think that my thoughts [illegible] turn to you except on Wednesdays, for they do, and as a proof, I will just tell you that at least [illegible] [illegible] of the above were written Monday — Your letters have [illegible] been worth to me more than a shilling, but as [illegible] [illegible] the credit system in the payment of such debts, [illegible] will wait till my [illegible] before settling. [illegible] [illegible] very glad he is so prompt, hope he will do so again. [illegible] Chemical lectures have commenced, and we are consequently pretty busy. we had one on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and are going [illegible] today. The lecturer will then leave and will not be here [illegible] sometime again. His name is Chadbourne, (I believe that is the way it is spelt) formerly a tutor in some college Williams I think. but now he is doing something else. dont you think I know a great deal about him? But however, his lectures are quite interesting — I'm glad you've moved, for I think you will like it better if it is not too much for you to walk up stairs so much. I wonder how much of a [illegible] at home you are [illegible] and whether you are [illegible] [illegible] very often. [illegible]

did when you had to [illegible] a [illegible] for [illegible] Margaret [illegible]
you, how I wish I could see her. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and how often do you go down to see her. [illegible] [illegible]
next write I want you to tell me just [illegible] [illegible] and
Mother are, you know you promised to [illegible] as you could
and you have a fair opportunity of [illegible] [illegible] I want
to know just exactly how you are, your [illegible] of [illegible]
a whole page of particulars, ^on such items^ your last letter was not [illegible]
enough in that respect. [illegible] don't [illegible] [illegible] be too
much engaged with Uncle Tom, to pay any attention to the
absent sister? I have a letter commenced to Margaret and
if they don't hurry, it will reach them before [illegible] [illegible]
me. What do you suppose is the reason [illegible] don't write?
have written to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
answer. I wonder if she is sick, or what is the matter. I
should think Robert might write me a line, I shall send
him a letter of ingiury soon — [illegible] Edwards is not
here, and I have heard nothing about her — this sentence
is rather out of place, but it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Dr. Gross is married. I am right glad of [illegible] [illegible] as
suppose it is. but pray, to whom. [illegible] did not tell me that.
What was the effect of that Fomentation that [illegible] had by Dr.
Gross' permission? I was going to ride today but the day is cold
^I meant to have two ds. in there^
dark and dreary. It rains and the winds are [illegible] [illegible]
the Gen, (I wonder who [illegible] [illegible]) and it seemed almost as
good as a letter. How much have they translated [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the book coming out! That is a beautiful engraving in the last number, Mr. Rees is a very fine looking man. Ask father if he is a brother of Mr. William Rees of Liverpool, or who is he? My roommates were quite taken with his appearance. I see there have been several deaths in Ninety-Six, does the scarlet fever still prevail there? Who was that William Davis, Under the Hill, whose death is noticed, was he the one they used to call "Cross Davis"? —— I must reserve the rest of this sheet for those reciepts. Pardon me for not sending them sooner, indeed I meant too. Remember I had to go to Miss Shattuck for them, Miss Scott has nothing to do in that department this year.

They make the Graham bread in this manner [illegible] softer and sweeter a little [illegible] [illegible] Mary and Hattie send their love to you and husband and [illegible] accept mine. And believe me your very affectionate sister Kitty Halliwell [illegible]

Indian Pudding.

2 qts. of flour
[illegible]
2 " sweet milk
2½ " Sour milk
1 teacup ~~teaspoonful~~ saleratus
desolved, or ½ undesolved.
1½ cups molasses
½ teacupful Salt.

Hard Gingerbread.

2 qts. of sour milk.
6 " sugar
[illegible] butter (or more)
1 teacup of ginger
3 of desolved saleratus.
2 tablespoonfuls of salt.

Temperance Cake.

5½ qts. of sour milk.
6 " of sugar.
2 pounds of butter.
2 cups of desolved saleratus.
2 spoonfuls of cinnamon.
2 " salt.
4 nutmegs.

I have just been to see Miss Scott and to recite a lesson in Evidences it was very easy work, and after I got through I talked to her, and she says if you leave your husband at home to keep house you may come and graduate next year, ain't she good?

Williston [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dear [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] under your very little study [illegible] [illegible]
you [illegible] [illegible] health [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]! Oh Sarah! how I
wish you could see our baby! [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] black
eyes and such [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] screaming [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
could [illegible] [illegible]? [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] supper.
and lasted but [illegible] [illegible]
It was only a sudden squall, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] good [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sleep, he sings
too, and [illegible] when [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the cradle and [illegible] [illegible] without
sing[illegible]. [illegible] — Mr. [illegible] called and I was interrupted in the middle
of a sentence. he has gone now and I resume my [illegible] [illegible]
a little longer [illegible] my sister, I [illegible] going to tell you how baby
[illegible] himself to sleep. The song was [illegible] ack ack [illegible] ~~hid twinkle~~
tune I cannot describe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
I wonder if [illegible] can make [illegible] good [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the mo[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] singing (to [illegible] [illegible]) it [illegible] [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] if we will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] sleigh[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] now and I hope that as soon
as the weather becomes [illegible] settled and we have first rate
sleighing, Elizabeth will [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] you a visit and bring
her "treasure" with her. Our babe, I [illegible] [illegible] would like to see
his Aunt Sarah. for he loves to [illegible] a pleasant face and [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] with smiles. could you have [illegible] by you and [illegible] and hear his joyous crowing

[illegible] Elizabeth [illegible], he ~~measured~~ weighed eleven pounds and three quarters [illegible] and measured two feet [illegible] to his [illegible] toes. His father [illegible] he wishes you could see him, and if it is so that [illegible] he shall [illegible] you before a great while. [illegible] with his hand [illegible] to his [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] every day. Robert was here Sunday [illegible] she had written to him and [illegible] Berry, and Mother and Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] Before she closed her letter, she [illegible] [illegible] would [illegible] the letter [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] the Which I [illegible] [illegible]. Oh, how I wish I could see you. Sarah [illegible] dear sister, and Eddy and Father [illegible] Mother and [illegible] [illegible] down to see us? how is his health [illegible]? I should like very much to receive a line from him. [illegible] John and tell us where you [illegible] how you do. I wish [illegible] and [illegible] write to me. I will answer them. I shall [illegible]

Josiah's letter as soon as it came. [illegible] May [illegible]
to [illegible] this week if I can possibly [illegible]
[illegible] Give my love to her and [illegible]
[illegible]
I wish I could see them all [illegible] should like so
[illegible] were practicable. [illegible] I [illegible] you coming down
[illegible] does the Dr. come to see you? and what does he
[illegible] so glad [illegible] that your health
improving, Sarah, [illegible] you [illegible]
your letter, I might [illegible]
write. My pen is so poor that [illegible] hardly make
my words intelligible. I have been [illegible] to day, [illegible]
helped me, and we finished [illegible]
[illegible] you think we were [illegible] I think I shall
be able to do without Mrs. Cogen [illegible]
[illegible] so I [illegible]
[illegible] times to [illegible] So good night
to you Sarah, and all the rest. "Pleasant dreams [illegible]
dreams at all."

Mary.

[illegible]

I wrote the above [illegible]
next morning but I didn't get up early [illegible]
until now. It rained Tuesday [illegible]
[illegible] the rest of [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible]
yesterday. She has come to attend school. She [illegible]
that used to be our parlor, with [illegible] commenced its school
[illegible] full this term [illegible]
[illegible] as ever. I hear his voice now [illegible]
[illegible] bright and early [illegible]

have written to them before this, had I had the time.
I shall expect a letter from [illegible] next week [illegible] will
[illegible] must go [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] you the week after. I shall try to write to [illegible]
next week. I wish I had some more letter paper, [illegible] but a few
sheets left. If you can send me some [illegible] to [illegible] market [illegible]
[illegible]

(14)

[illegible]

I have not received [illegible] think [illegible]
the letter [illegible], she was going to write to me the [illegible]
I [illegible] in my [illegible]
Give my love to [illegible] and Margaret and tell them that I
should [illegible] to receive a letter [illegible]

Home, June 2, 187[illegible]

Sarah darling,

Mother gave us a practical lesson in benevolence this morning, and I hasten to improve by it. How are you this bright fresh [illegible] morning! All alone, or with one or more of your new-found friends! Is not our Heavenly Father kind, to give us friends and comforts wherever we go! at Whitestown, Hadley, Clinton and there, as well as in our own "happy home". "This world is not so bad a world" surely, for kind hearts

much like Alfred and is a smart preacher. Eddie is
[illegible] and cheerful as ever. yesterday he helped Lewis
hoe corn & potatoes. [illegible]
something, and after-
wards he helped is much.
Lewis is pretty well,
better than he was.
he is more willing to
Elizabeth, and his
to Sarah Maria, his
has not written to
figure. Do you want
to send your love?
I must close as
my sheet is most
full, with much
love from all
your sister
Mary

we find everywhere.

We were somewhat surprised to see mother last night, but knew it was just like her. She could hardly stay from home much longer without some very particular reason. I think she looks better than when she went away. It was well mother missed the cars Saturday, for by last night, we had the washing all out of the way and the clothes folded ready for ironing, so she cannot see *that* trouble this week. Friday afternoon and Saturday till about three o'clock Wm. Griffiths was here white-washing, and didn't we have

Lillie sends love.

such a time clearing up after-
wards, we finished however, just
in time for Mother to come in
from the stage if she had come.
Cynthia takes first rate care of
the birds. they are coming on finely
and make as much music as ever.
Lily though dont seem inclined to
have any little birds, we think
will not set her leg again.
Lewis' birds have four eggs again, the
last did not come to anything.
Lillie says she would write but
she is afraid if she does, we will
have to go without pies. is she
not considerate of our comfort!
Anna has been ironing this
morning, is now preparing for

[illegible] that lemon? I know it is
[illegible] had [illegible]

church. The Baptists have their Conference this week. in the village today, at Bardwell's mills tomorrow in "Capel Isaf" Thursday, and on Friday in South Trenton—

Anna is in the office this week, I expect to help them some, this week or next. Tommy's Sister is failing quite fast now. The widow [illegible] Thomas was burried yesterday, you know she was very low when you left. Father and Mother intend to go to the meeting this afternoon and also to see Thomas Thomas (Plasterer), he is very sick with the Consumption it is thought. We went to hear John Harris Alfred's brother. He looks very

[illegible] to I.

Remsen, July 4, 18[illegible]

Dearest Sarah;

It is a whole week since we have written to you, and it seems as though it were a much longer time. Can you forgive us, dear, for being so neglectful: Last week we were very busy with the Gen., mailed them all on Saturday more than ever before in one day. What think you of that, was it not because we girls helped? John was not here you know, and Father felt quite solicitous about the mailing, the labor was so much for him, so

we all put our hands together and made the work fly pretty fast.

Father spent the Sabbath at Floyd and Rome, Mother went with him; they stayed over night at Thomas Jones' and had a very pleasant time. Mr. and Mrs. Barker were there; and invited me to go and spend a week with them at Waterville. I think perhaps I shall go.

Today there is a Yearly Meeting in Sixty. They expect it to be a meeting of unusual interest as there are to be eight or ten ministers who are strangers besides those in this neighborhood, and unordained preachers I know not how many. I fear there will be too much trusting in the arm of flesh, if Christians do not pray much. Let us

look to God for His blessing for without it, it is in vain for man to preach and labor for the salvation of souls.

There is also to be a Sabbath School celebration in the village today. All the schools are going to unite I believe.

We were very glad to receive your letter, although it was very short. We should like to know to whom we are indebted for it. Can you not tell us, who is your Amanuensis?

Let us know again soon how you are, for we are indeed very anxious. Do not feel lonely and homesick, dear Sister, for you are not so far away but that we can come and see you almost any day. In your next letter, if the Dr. will let you, write

just one line, if you cannot more yourself. Remember, dont write enough to hurt yourself.— We are all well. Father, Mother, Eddie and all. I am about as usual. must close now as Jimmy is ready to start with this for the mail. John and Sarah M. and the baby are all doing pretty well.

Much love from all

Your loving Sister

Mary.

P.S. John is now in Pittsburg.

Tommy's sister is still living but very low.

Home. Oct. 28. 1852.
Saturday morning

Sarah darling,

Have you been expecting me this week? I am sorry to have kept you so long in suspense, but courage dear, I hope to be with you soon. Next Tuesday or Wednesday eve. I expect to reach there, and if you have gone to bed and I cant see you that night, why then, we must wait till morning. mustn't we?

I am very sure it will do me good to be there, for my health has been steadily improving since I received the assurance by your letter that I might come. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." But do not think from this that I have the blues, I do not, I never enjoyed a more happy flow of spirits in my life. Still I do wish to be strong, and free from this weak stomach and headache, so as to be able as others to take my stand in life, and that the body may

be able to accomplish that which the spirit wills. This is a pleasant world, but still more happy and joyous would it be were everyone in the full possession of health.

We were rejoiced to hear of your improvement, and sorry for the accident, but hope still that it will be all for the best.

I should have written immediately on the reception of your letter, but thought then of putting on my things and starting, but afterwards

decided to wait till next week, as Lewis is going down then, and I can thus save the stage fare, and have better company.

We are sewing Carpet rags today. Sent some with the Accommodation this morning.

I wish you were well enough to come and meet me at the depot, wouldn't it be nice! I shall not have a trunk, only two sachels, and we could carry them between us. Am I not good at planning? But wait awhile for the consummation. All well. And joining in love to our —Sarah.

New York Oct. 20/70

Dear Sister Sarah;

Yours is this Morn recd and I hasten to answer and to enclose another powder for Anna I think she is ready for another dose. Gave a dose of the same to a young lady in the house yesterday. She suffers much with her spine & has many of Anna's symptoms. Thus far, the effect is quite happy. She woke this morning without her usual bad feelings, is resting very quietly today. having overdone this week, Dont seem to care much today whether school keeps or not. & that is a very favorable symptom in her case. I want to tell you something

Was [illegible] nna much frightened during the big wind? I often feel thankful that the house is on so broad a foundation. The wind has not so very [illegible] at our [illegible] it? Have you had the medicine that I left at [illegible] Mays? If so please let me know what [illegible] not filled. I have not enough [illegible] since. If Anna's toothache is no better perhaps Staph. would do her good though Sarah has toothache. You don't want me to come home do you? I'd do it rather than to have you get down again! Don't you do that any more I could come & stay a week if necessary!! I send a dose of Staph. as I know you have not got it. Good bye with love

pretty you know I think I have not treated a single patient since coming to N.Y. without witnessing good effect therefrom. It encourages me of course. Have a good many dispensary patients - some very interesting ones. They afford me good material for study. and are all doing well. There is a little two months old baby, who was suffering with Marasmus. We order an oil bath every morning, that is have it rubbed over with sweet-oil, and feed it on Hypophosphite of lime, & beef tea &c. It is picking up nicely.

I think it would be best for Jennie to take another dose of Graphite. I rather like to have her hand get sore once in a while, as it is an indication that there is vital force enough to throw out the humor, and it gives us a hint for another dose of Graphite, from which I expect a good deal.

Mother had better take a few doses of Nux, at night, & little Arnica

all ... for ...

any of you

would not hurt Father. I am glad he is better. I dont quite understand what to give Johnnie for his lameness so I will try to look it up. Am glad you are doing so well. Do try all of you to take all the comfort you can this winter. Dont do any thing because it is duty but do sometimes enjoy yourselves just for the fun of the thing. Both mind & body need just that kind of relaxation to keep them in a healthy state.

Did cousin Mary get some rented while up there? I have not written to Sarah & Aleck.

I am glad you enjoy that flower stand. Wish I had a bouquet from home. This in the basket does me lots of good.

Where & how is Libbie Dunn? Am sorry to hear so unfavorable a report from Marg't. Griffiths. My love to Mrs. Jones and all the friends ..s with love. Mary.

all ex[illegible] to send if you would like [illegible]

Mrs. Davis told me some time since that she would like a tub of butter as soon as it was cold enough to send it down. I think it would do now. She has had her mouth ready for it all summer.

Sat. eve.

Dear Sister Sarah;

Mrs. Davies would like to have you send a tub of summer butter to her at 315 W. 17 St. as soon as possible. She says if it is as good as that she had last spring it will be good enough. If it is too good the boarders will eat too much, then [illegible] being kept at boarding houses. & that was a summer tub. You need not take off the top layer as she will use that for cooking. I should not wonder if she would want another summer tub after awhile. So dont be uneasy. If we get those tubs sold I think probably I can sell the rest, and this year it will be best to take time by

somewhere, family [illegible]
Give to the [illegible]
of love, Hattie
Your loving sister,
daughter, Auntie
&c &c &c
Mary

the f[illegible]lock and sell it readily. What do you think that is worth for it there? In the groceries they ask from 45 to 50 here. Of that that I brought down I gave a slice to Mrs. [illegible] & a slice to Mrs. Davis and left the rest in Mrs. Davis' refrigerator, but never found the time to go for it, or rather when I went there it seemed more important that time for me to bring a book or two which had been left there. So the butter waited till Mrs. D. thought it was in danger of losing some of its sweetness and so she used it, and told me tonight when I called there that she would make a return when her tub came. I have got along very nicely without it, with apples, raisins, & berries from home. also canned tomatoes &c.

The other evening I had company and bought ½ lb. for 12 c. very good but not so nice as that we had last winter from home. I get along swimmingly here. The ladies with whom I stay are ever so kind. I can cook anything I like with their utensils. & half the time I do not have the privilege of washing them myself! Can bake a leg of lamb or cook anything in any way I choose. Am very busy with my dispensary work & seeing & learning in many ways. Had an obstetrical case a week last eve. which is doing beautifully. My success thus far is very encouraging though the money dont come in much yet. One case only has puzzled me from the beginning, and now she is down with quinsy and her husband called in another physician. I hope she will recover, and if

she comes back to me again I shall give her a dose of sulphur high and let it do away with some of that psoric taint which masks symptoms so. I feel very happy here, am very busy. Our regular college term begins next week.

Have I written home after hearing of cousin Sarah's death? Poor Aleck, what will he do? Mary will miss her so much too. I have written to her, also to Cynthia Price. Do you write to her pretty often? I have neglected her.

Tell Anna that my Lachesis case is doing finely; it is about time for her to report. Does she have plenty of fresh meat? I don't eat many eggs down here. They are 4cts apiece & not so nice as home eggs at that. I try to live well though, send the butter

316 W. 55th St. N.Y.
Jan. 16th 1875

Dear Sarah & Billy;

I suppose you are one now & will start tomorrow for Louisiana so I will write this to meet you there.

I wish you all the joy and happiness that you can imagine.

Hope you will enjoy this trip to the fullest extent & be as happy as can be when you get back & especially when you are settled in your new home.

Will you not take New York in your way when you return.

Mrs. Wilson joins me in the invitation, as also does my

devoted husband. She sits
demurely by me studying her
lessons for the morrow. If
you received the letter which
was to meet you at home
tonight you have her
congratulations. Please
give much love to all the
dear folks at Lewiston.
Excuse haste & believe me
ever your loving sister

Mary.

If you do not come to N.Y.
now you may never find it
convenient to do so. It is well
worth seeing. I might show
you some of the sights.
Good bye again with love.

I was very much pleased to receive your letter about an hour since, & hasten to reply. It was written on the day we moved to our new home. Much obliged to you for thinking of me at such a time. Wish you could just step in & see us. We are as cosy as you please, have carpeted our first floor, and it looks quite home-like and cheery. Wonder if a man

(write soon again. (Am glad you enjoy the Medicine [illegible]).

to relieve it, you remember how well James P. Owen was in [illegible] & now his asthma returned when he returned to Remsen. It will be so pleasant to be near Elizabeth & the rest & then perhaps [illegible] will go there to school. I don't know how it will be about my going home this summer; hope I can for a little. Wish I had some of the surplus pictures they have at home. My little Montmorency falls looks quite pretty in our office. I remember distinctly about returning that counterpane & am quite sure Eddie took it to the store. It was too narrow for you & you thought you would like a wider one, but he had none then in the store. This May 29 W. 3d [illegible] recall it to his mind. Does not Emma remember? Accept lots of love to all of you from Mary.

like you would be interested in such feminine matters as the color of a carpet &c. &c. I will venture at least. The ground work is green, with a vine of wood color & black running through, then a figure not exactly a flower, of bright red & black & a little yellow, then sprinkled in here & there, wherever there was a good chance, are little dots of blue, as sweet as you please. The border, 5 inches wide has the same colors but less green & more black. It is very cheery we think. Do step in & take a look. The whole floor is alike, Reception room, Office & a

passage way between. The hall is marble so we do not need ~~a~~ a carpet there, but the ~~hall~~ stair carpet matches perfectly only the border is lighter.

We have the dearest little cellar which I think so much of. The floor is cemented, also the walls about two feet high. I shall want to get my vegetables &c. from the country I think, from ~~dear~~ old Steuben, probably. The lady physician who has taken a room with us has just come in since I commenced this. We are both much much attached to her & think we shall

enjoy her society very much
then she lightens our rent
$. 365.00 per year; ~~than~~
as that was just what
we were paying it will
amount to $. 730,00, so you
see our venture was not
so very great after all.
"Nothing risk, nothing win"
you know. We are very
happy here already. — Please
write again soon to
Your aff. Sister
Mary.

Sarah dear; I am going to
give you a wee little corner
this time. Wm. will probably
let you read his! I think your
idea of going to Mich. a good one.
Asthma is such a freaky disease & a
change of climate will often
do more than any medicine

[illegible] how well James & Queen was [illegible]

Much love in haste Mary

333 W. 34. N. Y. City
Thurs. eve. Dec 17/74

Dear Brother & Sister

We were very glad to get your letter, and I am sorry we have failed to answer it sooner. So, William, Susan gave you the mitten did she. Send her down to New York some day and then you will have a pair, just what you need for this cold weather. How did you get along when she was gone? and what kind of a time did you have at the wedding? We have not heard anything about it. We have been expecting Ella and her husband here before she returned home, but we had a

letter from her the other day saying she had changed her mind and gone home without coming to New York. We were so sorry to put in sending clothes and a few other things we had got. what did she do for a cape? This is the evening for your singing school. I wish I could attend. Want you drive around this way and give us all a ride. I understand C. N. J. has gone up to St. Ann. Have you seen him? When does he attend church?

I would like to see your flower stand - it must be very nice. Wish Will would make us one too. We have only a few plants and they are all small. We have a few [illegible] coming up which we hope will give us spring blossoms by and bye.

I am much obliged to you for
the recipes you sent me. The
one for jelly cake says nothing
about eggs; is that right? I have
been afraid to make it until I
had written to inquire. I made
a little apple jelly the other day
and would like to try the cake.
If you have any other good recipes
for cake that is easy to make, I
wish you would send it. I have
made cookies several times,
and had very good luck, so
they say. Robert is beginning to
like home made bread, so I
made some excellent bread
this week. We use the prepared
flour for cake and biscuits &c.
I put a comfortable in the frame
this morning — got it about half
tied, then left so as to have
something to do tomorrow.

What are you going to do Christmas
Do they have anything at church?
Eddie is reading a book of travels
in Australia, which interests
him very much. I have just been
hearing him recite his lessons for
tomorrow. They expect to have
school examinations soon, and
we are anxious he should do
well. How is Cuyler's foot? Have you
been able to use him any yet? I
would like to have one more
visit in Blyn before you leave
Have you decided yet what
you are going to do. You ask
for advice — perhaps Henry can
give you some, — as for myself
it would seem more agreeable
to my feelings to have you take
Dr. Gillett's place, then you would
be near home. We are expecting to see
Robert Hughes down here soon — do you

New York May 24/77

Dear Brother William;

I think I will try you this time & see if you will send me any better than the rest. At least please let me know without any further delay whether the returned letter sent to "Amble Bros." has been rec'd. It was sent on Friday last in hopes that you would get it Sat. eve. Fri. Morning I rec'd Jennie's letter stating that they would like me to see about getting at least

... one question more. How is Jennie? Is she improving any? How are you, and Sarah? How does Eddie prosper with his school? Is it as good as last winter? What does Jessie think about Sis. Kellogg? I am not sure about my being able to go. I am about of the opinion that I shall stick to business this summer, and make all the money I can, and worry as little about home as my heart will allow me. Much love to all from your loving

[illegible]

immediately over there, got
their check & sent it
on. They had just written
a postal card to me asking
to whom the returns were
to be sent. If that came
safely, I think perhaps it
would be just as well
for them to send the
returns directly to Mother
for whatever you may
send hereafter, as it would
be just as safe, and would
save me the worry. I am
willing to take trouble and
have some anxiety if it
will do any good, but so long
as you can get the checks
changed in Remsen, I
should think that would
be just as good for you as
a P.O. order, and save

the charge for that, If you think best to send to Auction, I would only use in a while to make enquiries & thus let them know that there is some one in the city who is interested. That will do no harm at least. I have failed to sell that last little lot to a private family as Mrs. Purdick is supplied and Mrs. Sargent also at present. How much oil is Grass Butter? Mr. Walker told me the other day that he was paying 25 for the best and if you liked to send to him, he would pay what it was worth. Geo. W. Walker. Grocer

Cor. 36th St & 9th Avenue
Mr. Kimball said it was
higher now than when
he had the others. I dont
know which place will
be best to send to. Think
probably it would not
make much difference
neither
they would not ask commission
for either place I think
you would get an honest
price. If you send to Mr.
Walker please let me
know & I will get the
money & forward with
what I have. Have been
keeping it till I should know
what was to be done with
that [illegible], as it will cost
the same for a P.O. order
for 10 as for 7. Were they
satisfied with the sale of the [illegible]?

R. G.
May 27 /77

Dear Sara

Jennie says you have trouble with your right ear. Puls. is for the left. Rhus for right. If too late & suppuration has commenced might Rhus then Hepar is more. Take Rhus first. Do write, you & William, and tell me all the news. How are you? I am afraid you are not very strong. How is it. And how is Anna? It seems to me that she is doing quite nicely. Is her cough better? Has she taken any back, lately?

Tell Jennie I thank her for what news her letter contained, & want more! Did Jennie take Kinney & is her cough better? I am pretty well. Tell Lina that my window looks nicely & I am to have some more plants. Mrs Allen is going to the country for the summer, and is breaking up housekeeping for the present. She is sending her ivy of plants to keep, Lina will perhaps remember it. It is on a stand & will look very pretty in the window. My Lobelia is in blossom all the time, verbena has a beautiful fresh blossom on now.

Have a new scalloped pot for my clematis, larger than the other. The little thing is lovely with its little white blossoms. That kit looks very thrifty. Coochie is also flowering – I am to have a bureau also from Mrs. Allen's.

Good bye with love to all. Excuse bad scrawling. I could take more time & perhaps write better, but want to get this in tonight's Mail. Let us know if your ear is still troubling you & dad. won't you do it.

Much love
from
Mary

Must write to Jack next. Perhaps he will get the start of me! — How is Ana. Shall want to know about Jennie's hand again. How is Neddie!

New York Mar. 28/78

Dear Brother & Sister:

As I have written to Jennie & [illegible] I will this time take you in turn. First; how are you both? If Sara is not better please write symptoms and I will study it up. I think of you all many many times a day & wish I could run in. How is your mother, Wm? Please mention when you write, also how Eliza's husband is. It seems as though I wanted to hear from home & to write every day. Am I extravagant?

Have you come to any conclusion what arrangement is best to make about the farm? I hope it will be arranged comfortably to all parties. Of course I cannot expect anything from the farm at present except to go home a little while in the summer & perhaps a few goodies if they can be spared. That is, if you five will all be there. What do you think of what I wrote about the infant? I wish some one would put it through & put the surplus money in a fund to educate young ministers. We have had some rain today. It is very mild. Have been quite busy since coming back. – How is Mrs. J. C. Thomas? I am anxious about her. Love to Mrs. Jones, all Wms. folks & love to home. With love Mary

Anfoner A=Dyfodi-
~~aw~~ y Cen. yn 1874;
hefyd y archebion
ar taliadau am
y Llyfrau Hymnau,
Amrywyddar ar
Catecism i Miss
Jennie Everett
Remsen, Oneida
Co. N. York.

What would you
think Jennie of
inserting this or
something like it
instead of Mother's
notice. I think it
had better be done
at once, as people

will then know
what to do. & as
will prevent con=
fusion. –

Mary

Dear Brother Wm.

Nfy. Mar. 3^d 187[illegible]

I think it is time that you had an answer to that good letter of yours written so long ago. – We were sorry to hear that you have been sick. These Influenza colds have been prevailing very much this season – A letter from Br. Butler this evening received, says Hattie has been similarly afflicted. Her Dr. called it the Epizoötic. She was better

If any of the rest come down with colds I think you had better give them Mercury; that seems to hit the colds this winter. I hope Erwin's wife is doing well. Tell him not to visit any diptheria patients till she is strong. My patients have all come out all right this year, though in one case there was diptheria in the house. Good bye dear brother write again soon

to [illegible]

& so I hope you are.
I have thought so much
of you all this winter
& often wished myself
there. to enjoy & to sym-
pathize with you all.
It is very kind of you
to let Sara sleep upstairs
I think it is much healthier
for her, the air is so much
more even as to temperature
~~and~~ Then you know the
remark you made, to
which I assented, when
I was at home; and we
all want to keep her
just as long as the good
Lord will allow. Hope
she will be stronger after
a little. This has been
a hard year for her. and
she has had no change
of much account since

mother died, or indeed since
dear Cynthia left us. We
must all keep as cheerful
as possible. "A Merry heart
doeth good like a Medicine"
that text is deeply engraven
on my heart. I should
think from Anna's letters
that Sara is better than
when Jimmie came, but
you will have to be very
careful of her till warm
weather. Does that blood
which she raises come up
alone, or mixed with froth or
mucus? I wish you could
get a girl for the summer
and get her soon. This
spring is going to be trying
for Sarah & Anna, and you
must have a good deal
of work with the milk
now. The Spring is

always particularly trying to Anna & I think we will have to have her down soon. for a time at least. I am sure Sara could earn quite a good deal by her pen if she could be relieved from heavy work. & Anna could turn her attention to Music or Fancy work. It would be More profitable all around. Are you going into the poultry business this year? You see I have that on the brain. I do think there is more Money, with lighter labor than with ordinary farm arrangements & I should like to have you make ~~all the~~ as much Money with as little hard work as possible.

S. Springs June 7,

Dear Sister;

Your letter was very gladly welcomed day before yesterday. My health is improving but I do not feel nearly well. Dr. wants me to stay a few weeks, is quite anxious that I should do so, but I do not know what is best to do. I can't tell yet when I shall start home, Do not expect until you see me.

Dr. Strong is most sick lately, accidentally got some hartshorn in his eye last

eve, it has caused a great deal of inflamation. He did not sleep any, and really feels quite sick today. His health is usually better than it used to be, he weighs twenty pounds more. His spirits are a good deal broken, - says he feels crushed. Do write to him Sarah, I think you ought to, and it would do him a great deal of good. - How is Eddie getting along? Love to all

Mary -

Dear Sarah: I wish you would send a Cenhadwr to your namesake Miss Sarah A. Everett. No. 14. East 13 St. N.Y. She is a sister to the Mary E. Everett who was at South Hadley when I was there. She says she is of Welsh descent; how far back she does not know. Her Father's name was William. She says all the Everett's in New England that she knows of are of Welsh descent, [there were a great many in town whose home was] the Hon. Edward Everett among the rest. I wish we knew more of our ancestry, so as to compare notes. That Everett book was never written as the one who was getting it up went to the war. Send a Cen. if you can that has some of your poetry in it. I wish you would send me a copy of "My times are in thy hand," also "My mother". My kind regards to Tommy. I will try to answer his letter in a few days

also Maggie's.

I have forgotten to tell you that Cousin Thos. & Lizzie are intending to go the old country next spring. They think of starting in April I think which will be soon after our term closes. They don't know how long they will stay.

They don't want a whisper of their intended visit to cross the ocean. So remember don't breathe a word about it to Aunt Bell or any one else or they will not forgive me.

I wish some of you could go with them.

C. S. H.
Friday morn

Dear Harriet,

We are enjoying [illegible] [illegible] health & pleasure [illegible] with the company of John R. Richards as the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sick [illegible]. [illegible] last night, [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Richards [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Father [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] the children [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all night. [illegible] much [illegible]

Mary

[illegible]

[illegible] John H. [illegible]
wife [illegible]
[illegible] They were going
[illegible]
[illegible] the night [illegible] did not [illegible]
[illegible] obliged to get off [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the other [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] friends. [illegible]
went with me to the depot [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

([illegible])

Sitting room, Thurs. eve,

Dear Sarah;

I have written a full letter to Pa but cannot let it go without saying something to you. Lis and I have had quite a fit for the last few days so strong has been our desire to see you. If we could only have a good talk with you it would do us so much good. How are you enjoying yourself dearest. Does Ma let you do everything you have a mind to since you are the only daughter at home? I suppose you are very much engaged with your new pet. Is he as smart as his brother was. I should like to see Jane, Dont she feel proud now with her two cherubs? What are you going to call the new boy! Is he as handsome as Robbie!

who does he look like? Does he remind you any of the Supervisor of the town, or does he favor his aunt Sarah? —

Sarah dear I did not mean to keep your collar so long, but have every time forgot to send it. hope you needed it very much! Sis wants to tell you how contented she is. She enjoys the scenery exceedingly, the school and everything, I am glad she came. She seems to take her fill of contented enjoyment. I think her health is better than when she came. She has had no more boils, but has had quite a rash, which however is getting well now. I gave her an emetic, (thoroughwort) about a week ago, it brightened her up very much. — My health is also improving, as fast I suppose as I could expect. The quiet, regularity and entire freedom from care which I enjoy are doing me a great deal of good. —

i sometimes walk too fa[illegible]
overdo in some way; but
it does not take a great while
to rally. It is such a luxury to
be able to rest. I can rest now
as soon as I lie down, formerly
it used to take two or three
hours to begin. You know [illegible]
the difference, do you not?

I have been making me a new
sunbonnet, green gingham, a piece [of which please find enclosed, also]
which please find enclosed, also
a sarah from each of my new
dresses. —

Frankie Holland gave me a
very kind invitation to make them
a visit on my return, which I
think I will accept. — Sarah
what is Fronie's address? I want
to write to her. I sent her a
copy of the Reporter directed to
Wells, Lenawee Co. Mich. but
dont know as she will ever
get it. — I have written to
John, also to the girls since
coming out, but have recd. no
answer yet. — How is your health,
and Mas, and Eddie's. O, I must write
to Eddie, his turn will come next.
[illegible] glad to learn that [illegible]

doing so nicely. Give our love
to Cousin Margaret and John
Greene, John D., Mrs Williams
folks and all the friends,
Sis and I are alone this even-
ing. B. and Elizabeth have gone
to meeting, we have put the
children to bed and are
enjoying it. Cynthia studying,
and I visiting with you.
Write soon, write very much
and tell us all about the
baby and every body else,
Accept much love,

Mary,

I send very small samples, for
fear Uncle Sam, will complain
I am glad you like my shawl
so well, I wish I could send
you a sample of that too,
[illegible]
[illegible] Nellie and
[illegible] will [illegible]
I am [illegible] bottle
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Col. Semi. March 15. 1852

Dear sister,

I've had a delightful walk this morning, and could you have shared it with me my happiness would have been complete. It was refreshing I assure you if cold would make it so, for my fingers ache now while I attempt to write you an account of it. I went alone and followed the most lonely path that I might think, for you must know that today is the one which teachers from time immemorial have [illegible] apart as that on which school girls should [illegible] their thoughts in the form of compositions. [illegible] the cool breezes of this fresh spring morning, and [illegible] inhabitants of the [illegible] birds and their allies seemed to be holding a [illegible] they appeared to be in their wild[illegible] [illegible] as lively as if they had been the most [illegible], and seemed never weary of making them [illegible] in the [illegible] confusion. [illegible]

buffeted and so nearly finished my lonely way—during [illegible]
[illegible] with me, recalling the time when you
often visited my father's dwelling, causing the windows to
rattle and keeping me awake with your midnight music.
And I remember too, how my little brother once came running
in without his new hat, crying with tears in his eyes, that
[illegible] had stolen it, and how once you seized my [illegible]
and [illegible] through the [illegible], and never brought
it back. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Alas,
[illegible] how many [illegible] have you done; and many good
[illegible] how often have you dried the moistened
earth that we might not be disappointed in our accustom-
ed walks, and the pure fresh air you bring is worth many
[illegible]
[illegible] and prudence—O, the winds, how I love them
they have often caused this aching head to be free from
pain, and many a time have roused and cheered my drooping
spirits, when sad and weary, I felt all energy departing.
While walking I came to a place where it was almost
impossible to proceed, for my path was [illegible] hedged
up by a strong Southwester, which [illegible] me to return.
Think you that I yielded, and allowed myself to be blown
back to the Seminary? I did not, indeed, for then would my

mile be unfinished, and half the grade I wished to [illegible]. In commencing a little more strength and resolution, to [illegible] more, but this obstacle, and I went along, thinking how grateful one would deem one breath of cool air on a sultry summer day. Growing hotter and warmer at every step, at length came to where I could get [illegible] a view of the [illegible] the broad [illegible] of the Connecticut. A beautiful sight was the river lying far below with its surface slightly ruffled, but the water beneath was evidently calm and still, while beyond towered heavenward, the bald head of Mt. Tom, black and frowning in his winter garb. I turned to retrace my steps and soon found myself again within the walls of our Holyoke home. So ends my walk, and [illegible] this [illegible] must end my composition.

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Letter to my sister.

Mary H. Everett.

1865

Saratoga Springs [illegible] 11

Dear Brother and Sister,

I ought to have written to you before but have been so busy since coming here as hardly to have time to write, that is, when I felt like it. I understood that Mr. [illegible] wrote to you Monday, and this relieved me somewhat for I thought that you would then know of my arrival and would be informed although I had not done my duty. Mr. C. probably told you that Sarah came down stairs and met me in the hall. Did he tell you how they had [illegible]

All [illegible] the night I reached [illegible] and Mr. [illegible] came with me and [illegible] my [illegible] the next morning. They [illegible]

very kind indeed to me. Yesterday I went with Mrs. Wood to see the different springs. It [illegible] is about a mile and a quarter from here. I was very tired on my return, have hardly got rested yet. I walked in all, yesterday, most three miles, besides exercises in the Gymnasium, walking with Sarah &c.

Sarah is certainly gaining very fast now. She has gained in flesh twelve pounds since Mother was here, and sprained her ankle too,,, She now weigh 80 pounds and 2 ounces. Last week she gained five pounds. She exercises in the Gymnasium now <u>twice</u> a day, (until yesterday, she exercised but once) goes down to meals three times, and sits up, and walks around a good deal, a <u>great</u> deal, besides, She gains indeed every day, and as she gains in flesh and color, she grows <u>handsome</u> every day. When are you coming

out to see us Friday. I have written home to ask Mother if she could not let Cynthia come here a time. She has a fine mind, and I feel very anxious that her body might be built up so that she can carry out her plans, whatever she may undertake. I spoke to Dr. about her and he says he thinks he could help her. Now is the time, & I do hope they will let her come, while we are here. I am going to settle with the Dr. about her bill. He says he will wait.— If Sis comes, perhaps you will come out at the same time to see us.

Have you answered Mr. Reed's letter? If you have not, do soon, he says he would like to hear from you, though he has ascertained by his own researches that which he inquired of you about.

you will not forget to answer—
this letter will you.
How is your health and Jamie's?
Give my love to Allie and Fanny
Sherman, also Hattie Ennis and all my
friends.

I almost forgot to tell you
what Dr. [illegible] says about me.
If you have seen the letter that
I wrote Jamie [illegible], if not
I will repeat.— He says I have what
is usually called dyspepsia, and have
worked [illegible] a little too much,
but [illegible] he thinks, he can help me, and
make me as healthy and strong as
I ever was. He can help my head, if
he does not cure it entirely. I feel
stronger already and I have not had a
[illegible] spell of headache since I came here,
neither has my food caused me any
bitter. Good by [illegible] with much love.
Your [illegible] sister Margaret Smith.

[illegible] days [illegible] I [illegible] I will [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] done and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1875

Cousin Mary's
[illegible]

Dear Sisters,

I reached Utica safely yesterday morn. As we neared the depot the Black River train came up ~~and~~ first at an acute angle with ours and then along side of us. It looked quite [illegible] and caused some smiling. We reached the depot at the same time.

I called at [illegible]. You see the baby is gaining very nicely. Sunday eve he slept all the evening while they were in church then waked up, had

on ... suppose ... I went to
sleep again and slept till
six in the morning. Last
week they said they had not
had the night out in 4 months
Mrs. Jones was also better. —
I also called on Hettie Roberts
and on Jennie Jones. Then
brought up here quite a time.
Last evening Thomas went
to New York and Mary wants
me to stay till he returns
for company. I dont know
as I can stay till then
but I will know better after
getting a letter from home
tomorrow. I am making
my black dress.

We are going to the cemetery
this afternoon. You know I
have never visited Henry's
grave. — Mary is going with
me. We will take the street

and half of the way.

I am very anxious to hear how Emma is. She felt so badly yesterday morning. If you write to me direct to the house as Thos. is [illegible].—

Good bye [illegible] with the love of [illegible] Mary and all the rest of us. Your Sister

Mary.

Mountain Parsonage
May 11, 18[illegible].

Dear Sister;

I have some good news to tell you and what do you suppose it is? We had a letter from Sam Compton last Friday informing us that they have a little [illegible] "a sweet little daughter", Bertha [illegible], born May 2. She came within one of arriving there on Sarah's birthday didn't she. Dr. B. says they would be very happy to welcome Sarah to their new home and that new little niece of ~~theirs~~ hers. They hoped Cynthia would be able to recover ~~her~~ health. [illegible] are going to [illegible]

to you soon. Robert has had
a letter from Jim. All well.
That is all we have heard. Father
and Mother are intending to go down
to place this afternoon and take
this letter with them.

Lizzie, you need not ask the
Dr. about the shaving if you have
not already done it; Mother says
she would not have requested it
had she thought it would trouble
you. I expect to come out to
see you before long, and can ask
him myself if we want to know
so much. We have not heard
from you since Anna came
home, and are somewhat fearful
that you are not so well. Did
the visiting make you sick.
If it did I'm afraid they will
object to my coming.

Father sent a letter to Dr.
enclosing some money ($20) last
Wednesday or Tuesday, in which

Emma and I send love to you. Did you receive it. Let us hear from you as often as you can.

We [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the children to read their books.

Much love from

Mary.

P.S. When you write, let us know how Mary Lewis is. Do you know that Mary Tower has heard from Mrs. Gillaney! We think perhaps your silence is owing to Dr's. prescription, that you should not write so often. If so, all right, only we should like to have a few lines informing us that — that is the case.

I am writing this Tuesday morning as Father & Mother did not go to Utica yesterday; expect to go this afternoon. — Did you get collars by Mrs. Wood? Love to her & family.

We were much pleased with the account of your purchases. Hope [you] can get the things made up to suit you. Do not tire much yourselves. Sent you flats by Utica mail [illegible] a week ago, but fear [illegible] has not had an opportunity to forward them yet.

Home Sept. 14, 1858.

My precious Brother & Sister;

We sympathize heartily and sincerely with you in your deep trials, and wish O, so much that we could relieve them. If I could only be there to take care of you now you are sick, it would be such a pleasure. Our hearts are with you dear ones; we think of you often, very often. As we meet around the home fireside, or at the friendly board, we think of those whose faces are not here; as we go out or come in walking, riding or resting, you are

Eddie and the rest of them will think [illegible] the news. [illegible]
well as usual. Sarah is very [illegible] washing dishes, peeling
apples, picking tomatoes
[illegible] now eating
peaches! wish we
could share them or
something else more
with [illegible] with you.
[illegible] Frankie his first
Hanny loves him very
much. Our Gymnasium
commences in Utica
next week. This week
the ~~Board~~ American
Board for Foreign
Missions meets in
Utica. Father & Ma
and Cynthia went
down one day and
returned the next.
[illegible] very much
love & sympathy from
Mary & all.

often present to our thoughts, but especially at the throne of grace, when in the morning and at noon we together bow before the mercy seat, you are remembered, and most earnestly and feelingly does our dear Father pray for a blessing on the absent ones.
It is always a comfort to me, when away from home, ~~especially~~ whether I am feeling sad or joyous, to remember that our parents do not forget to pray for their absent children, and that at the family altar we are not forgotten. We are not forgotten by our earthly parents, neither by our Heavenly Parent. He is never absent, and will be the sure support of all that trust in him. Though clouds may gather, and the sky look dark, He is ever near to hear the feeblest cry.
Listen, "Fear not; for I am with thee;

be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." And again, "When thou passest through the deep waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee, for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior." These are the words of Him who "knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are but dust." who, having suffered trials himself, can be "touched with the feeling of our infirmities". He knows how to sympathize with us, far better than we can with each other. Do they not comfort you, do they not pour the oil of consolation

into your wounded hearts." Do not be cast down, I verily believe there's light ahead. that "behind the clouds the sun is still shining." Cheer up, there is no medicine so good as a cheerful merry heart. Sarah's letter reached us last evening and our hearts were made sad with sympathy. We do hope that this sickness may soon pass away, and that brighter days may soon dawn. We feel grateful to that kind neighbor who has been so good to you. I trust he will have his reward. Mrs. Rose has our heartfelt sympathies. She has met with a great trial. May she lean on the bosom of her Savior, and feel that he is more to her than any earthly friend can be.

My last letter to you is dated very far back, three months I think. It was not disinclination that made me silent, I assure you, but I have not been well. that is, not well able to write. Am now very much better, hope I shall not neglect you any more. I returned home last night from that mountain tramp, and am feeling stronger and better in every respect. Shall try to write you some account of it.

Utica July 20th 1852

Dear Sister

I was very much disappointed to see Letitia come alone last Friday; I had been flattering myself all day, that I should see you that night or the next morning. and behold she came without you saying you thought some of staying out there all summer. I was so vext I did'nt know what to do. Do you really think you feel better there than here? We will try and make it just as pleasant for you as we can without a bedroom for yourself. I know it would be much better if ~~we~~ you could, have one but you can have our sitting room to yourself as much as you wish. for I sit in the bedroom the most of the time since it has been warm enough. You don't know how lonesome we are without you Ella says "Momma just please go right down on the cars and bring Aunt Lizzie

home from Grandma Everetts, now". Tell Lewis
Ella would be but to happy to come out there
she talks a great deal about the nice times
she had there last Spring, bein out to see
"Uncle Lewis" work in the garden & Grandma making
a kettle of porrage for the cats and letting the
calves have what was left she remembers all about
it.

I saw Father last evening after he had taken
Letitia to Whitesborough he is well acquainted with
the Family Letitia is boarding with, & thinks she
will be very pleasently situated. says they are very
fine people, Le— seemed very much pleased
with the idea of going there, I hope she will like
it, as well after she has been there a while, with

I shewed her
drawings to Father when he called for her Saturday,
He praised them "plenty" you don't know how much
good it did her, he said they were done very
nicely, and were real pretty pictures, It will encourage
her more than anybody elses praise,

I do not think I shall be up there this summer, you can say that Ella is quite troublesome this warm weather at home, & would be much worse away. perhaps in the fall I may make a short visit and afterwards make John & Lovina a call at Boonvill, and so make both visits at once but it now is altogather to warm for visiting (& take Ella with me).

These letters from Cousins I have had about a week, and thought you would be home so ~~soon~~ it would be hardly worth while to send them by mail, but Father is ~~coming~~ going up to Uncles tomorrow or next day so I will send them by him & you can have them to entertain yourself with on your journey home, Father is very anxious something should be done for your spasms, he will talk with you about it when he sees you. give my love to all and be assured I remain as ever your ~~loving~~ Sister

Mary

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Ellen Butcher has gone to spend the summer with her Aunt Naomi. I will send that dish by Father if I can also the patterns

[illegible]

[illegible] 1847

Dear Brother;

I suppose you will think very long [illegible], that you have [illegible] answered my [illegible]. I have [illegible] neglected writing [illegible] I was sick, but I [illegible] something [illegible] to have [illegible]. I believe I am gaining flesh [illegible] appetite [illegible] eat [illegible] blackberries, squash, [illegible] applesauce &c &c, [illegible] things [illegible] here [illegible]. — I [illegible] very glad to hear that [illegible] had gone [illegible]

I think Jennie would like the situation much if her health holds out.

The fate of my poor robbers afforded me some merriment to see if there is any more good to be obtained from them, do not forget to appropriate it. — I should like to have a peep at Sarah's splendid collar, ha, ha, a little romance there. Sarah dear, tell her and Ima to look out for their child. How is Eddie? when is he going to write to me, Eddie dear, I want so much to hear from you, I think of you very often and wish you could come and see me. — Poor Lizzie I am glad to hear that she is some better. What is Lellie doing? How is Jennie's health, and Lewis's?

My love to Eliza and her
little ones to Fanny & Phil.
and all my friends
with a good share for
Sarah & Mrs Fox.

your loving daughter

Mary

1857

N. Y. Oct. 12. 1857.

My dear Sister,

[illegible]

[illegible] received [illegible]

[illegible] letters from [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

we have been so busy the

past week [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] not happiness [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] world off", adding
"I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] all your
[illegible]". All my [illegible], you
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what
changes may have taken place
in Atlanta since my school
How how many days you may
chance to take in a "time of"
[illegible] [illegible] according to my
arithmetic, twenty four days
had elapsed since the receipt
of my last letter from your
[illegible] to this, & you can
well imagine I had a
thousand thoughts relating
this long silence, unbroken save
by Mr. Cox, and the two
[illegible] P[illegible] by Mr. [illegible]
from Utica. I feared you
were sick knew you were
very busy, and was sure
you had not forgotten me.

so I consoled myself the best
way I could, thought it might
it did have it just as convenient
[illegible] to [illegible] my brother & sister
[illegible] whether [illegible]
been for here [illegible] much
better I look. it is often re-
marked to me by the ladies
that I am looking so much
better; that I do not know
but I may be quite handsome
by the time I go home.
I certainly feel much better,
stronger, and in better shape
so much less homesick &c.
I am very sorry to learn that
Lizzie is so poorly. I think of
her a great deal & many a [illegible]
so much that I could see
her. Is she under the care
of any physician? If she
could go somewhere and take
the Electro Chemical Bath.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] she is so much
[illegible] little Frankey, I [illegible]
[illegible] better, but his head
is [illegible] I fear a disease
of the brain will go hard
with him. Tell Eddie to be
[illegible] as soon as this
[illegible] I have neglected
to tell you, but must now,
[illegible] dead. He died
while I was at home. His
disease [illegible] to the
[illegible] they could do no more
[illegible] the doctors decided
that they [illegible] to do more for him
[illegible] thinking,
[illegible]
a week, for [illegible] here, that he
could be kept [illegible]
removed him to the hospital in
Utica, where he died. — The little
fellow begged to stay and Dr [illegible]
[illegible] him while [illegible]

[illegible]

Sunday eve.
[illegible], Feb. 6, [illegible]

Dear Father, Mother and All,

We reached here very comfortably, found [illegible] Alexander at the Depot, [illegible] he rode with us up to [illegible]. But Sarah will probably tell you all about our adventures at Boston before you receive this. We reached here without any trouble some time before dark. We found that there was no train going from here to Springfield to night, so we concluded [illegible] with you. We are putting up at [illegible] Temperance House, [illegible] house, and hear [illegible] the [illegible] many [illegible] comfortable here. [illegible]

and better water too, though ice is not forbidden here. Mary is quite comfortable, though somewhat tired. I think we will retire early and the cars do not start east till 15 minutes of eight in the morning, so you see one can have a good night's rest. God has [illegible] [illegible] given to me today. I have felt him near much of the time, and am fully persuaded that he has been watching over us every moment, with a Father's tender care. We are now numbered among the [illegible] [illegible] for whom your prayers are made to ascend. O I thank God that he has given me praying parents and so many praying friends, and I thank him also that he has taught me to love to pray myself, and has made me hope, though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] what I [illegible] heard and answered. O for stronger and more lasting faith.

Mary says her head doesn't ache
at all, but she feels some threaten-
[illegible]! My arms are both very
comfortable, but mine seems a little
more bundled up than the other,
We have not had to wear our
shawls at all the day since we left
Remsen depot, and have found
our cloaks almost too warm,
Do not think I feel very much
tired [illegible] especially when it
draws near bed-time. I wish we
knew that you felt any better.
I hope you will when you re-
ceive this. I stormed [illegible]
in Utica this morn, and it storms
some here this evening, I suppose
you have had a regular [illegible]
[illegible] there you will. Write
soon, and tell us how Mother
is, and Jane, and Sarah and all,
and tell us how Father gets along
with going to [illegible] this
stormy weather. I [illegible] will

not take cold going out so much.
Give our love to cousin Margaret
and father and all at home.
Please accept much love from
[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] 6, 1861

Dear friend & [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of you

a letter and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

and I am afraid it will be some time

before I get my [illegible] fairly [illegible]. The

best way I can do now is to write you

[illegible] together, and call it [illegible]. I

received [illegible] Saturday morning and [illegible]

letter Monday morning. I was glad to see

that you were able to get up such a

good looking [illegible] without my help.

I have not read it all through yet but

have read some. [illegible] letter [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" is very [illegible], I think.

Your letters are always very acceptable,

and never too long. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] must [illegible] [illegible] the thought of [illegible] [illegible] letter. You must [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] place [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] night. I [illegible] think you ought to [illegible] in the dark. I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] next day. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] little [illegible]ville? Our family [illegible] [illegible] must be quite small this week. Wish I could take a peep at you tonight seated around the coal fire. It is a little after eight and I suppose some of you are thinking about retiring, especially if you are tired, as I am. Did you go to the election yesterday? I suppose you know that R. J. Bruce whose name was on the ticket for canal commissioner, is Emily's brother-in-law. It seems likely from the papers today that he is not elected. This must be a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible].

Home. Tues. eve. Oct. 6, 1863.

Ten minutes past 8.-

Dear Sisters:

Here we are seated cosily in the kitchen; Father and Mother one each side of the stand in front of the stove, reading the papers, Sarah on the North end of the lounge mending a dress, and I, your humble serv in front of the table by the clock, in the big rocking chair, taking ever so much room, so Sarah says, Never mind, there's plenty of it here. Jennie has gone to spend the evening with Jane. Lewis and Eddie have gone after apples. Eddie, J-King and Luther

started at 7 o'clock yesterday, with a big wagon load of boxes and a number of bags, on a "voyage" of discovery"! David Price was here when they started and laughed at them for making so much preparation for what we all thought might be a small load, but they came back about half past seven with sails flying, 40 bushels. boxes & bags full. Some of the apples were for a shilling, some eighteen pence, some three shillings. As half the load was Johnny's Eddie thought he would go again.—
O girls! the threshers didn't come today, and what is worse, we don't know what is the reason. Wasn't it too bad after we had calculated on such a nice dinner for them? But we had help to eat it though. Mr. & Mrs. Gershom Griffiths, and Mrs. C.

also Morris Roberts
Griffiths, Caroline & Laura, they
came about 11. and went away
about 2½. — had a pleasant visit
only ~~too~~ short. We have all been
quite smart today, that is busy
pretty much all the time and not
kill yet. — Jane and the
children were here to tea. —
Hope we shall get a letter
from you to-morrow eve telling
where you are boarding, how you
are, what kind of a time you
are having. who is there &c. &c.,
I wish you would get some fine
wire suitable for making hair
flowers. Sis knows what kind.
That hair wreath was admired
very much today. Mr. G. said
there were many who would give
half a dollar to see such a piece
of work as that if they could
not have an opportunity without.
Anna dear, there was no one

to play on the melodeon, so we had to visit without the music. –

7 o'clock. – The boys have just come with 30 bushels of apples and a fat heifer, I must go and help get them some supper.

Mother wants you to take good care of yourselves and keep warm. and write to let us know when you are coming home.

Good night. I am most too sleepy to write more.

With love. – Mary.

[illegible] other letter with
by [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
most [illegible] weather, and
[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] like as the
the South. as [illegible] [illegible]
weather of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible].
I cannot [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

with all its noise & bustle, and really enjoyed it. She fired off a fire cracker ~~h~~ herself! No feeling [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] considering, that is, she feels as well I should think as she did a night after 5 [illegible], before I left. She has been [illegible] quite [illegible] [illegible] things, although we have had these warm days, [illegible] not [illegible] affected her, as we feared it would, but she has been on the gain. We have not seen the Bay [illegible] at all!

got your letter, but
will probably before
night and will then
write again. I guess
he will write.
I thought I had
better send you a
few lines so as to
acknowledge the
money, as I left
heard from [illegible]
after yesterday. I fear
it will hardly be
best for her to go
now, as she is gaining
so fast — but you
shall hear next
Sunday — My [illegible]
is better, & she seems
much better I think
than when I left
home — but I should

week to stay as expect[ed]
for myself too much, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] after [illegible]
[illegible] unle[ss]
this week. Monday afternoon
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
that [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of my self, but [illegible]
[illegible] of some [illegible].

Sat. morn. July 4th, 1864

Dear Sis;

I wish that I could pinch in one corner of the buggy and run up with father and mother. I send the Rhetorical reader which by the way, we looked a great deal for before we found it. It was however on the study shelf all the while. The French grammer I also forward hoping that you may come home an accomplished lady! Success to your studies. — Those articles of wearing ~~apparel~~ apparel, I think were in your trunk when ~~you~~ it started from here. Have you looked it all over? I cannot find

them here, and think that I remember distinctly of putting them in your trunk
We were sorry that your gingham dress was overlooked and now it is not ironed. If it had been starched we would have tried to iron it yesterday but feared we could not get it dry as it was
Jennie made you a nice bouquet and then we thought it would be nice for Eddie to have one in the store, so we send flowers for you to arrange we had not time to arrange them. Can you change satchels? I'm to talk of going to commencement and have no satchel

In great haste.

Mary.

165 W. 32, St. Dec. 31/70.

Dear Ones at home;

I wish you a Happy New Year!! Did you have a Merry Christmas. & what presents did you all have? I had a plate of candy and a glass toilet set, blue & gilt, consisting of two bottles for cologne & a Match Safe. They are pretty ornaments for a mantel & will be nice when little Eddie & I get our office!! won't they Eddie? They now grace the parlor of my landlady.

The joint letter from Father & Mother was welcomed yesterday. It was awaiting me at my room which had been vacant since last Sunday. I have been spending the week at Dr. Ramette's.

Have been having one of my attacks of Nervous prostration, to which was added a severe cold. Am nearly well now. Dr. Barnett insisted on my remaining at her house the past week, and she & Dr. Silenthal have taken good care of me. One of my lady friends. Mrs. Tiffany, has taken charge of my patients the past week, & will till I am well. Hope I am nearly well now. Have just been writing to Eddie & Mable and also a note to Mrs. Davies about butter money. perhaps she was only waiting for me to ask her for it? I borrowed $.18. of Mr. Jones the other day which will serve for the present. & perhaps I can sell the butter. If you had sent the butter down when I ordered it, probably

it would all have gone before now. Before the Holidays is the best time to dispose of it. I have been intending to write to inquire why it was not sold but have been sick and indisposed to writing letters thought probably you had sold it in a lot. Will see if the same man will take a little more.

Good bye, good bye. I wish you all a Happy New Year, and dear Father a Happy birthday. I think the treatment which Dr. Gardner advised is very good. Tell [illegible] to take Anna over to Hugh Janes as often as she is willing to go. Good bye it is most too dark to [illegible] Yours lovingly. Mary.

[illegible] Keep [illegible] to [illegible] love [illegible] Mother [illegible] Cynthia [illegible] is [illegible] money [illegible]

Dear ones at home;

I must write you a few lines before starting on my daily round this morning, to let you know that I am enjoying my class exceedingly. My students are so animated that it is a pleasure to lead them even though our subject is yet but the dry bones, but the dry bones are so beautifully executed that we cannot but be charmed with their study. One of my class said yesterday that our hour was the [illegible] of the week. At any rate

[illegible]

we have a good time.
Mon. Morn. — Could not
finish this on Sat. — Butter
came all right on Sat.
No letter however since
a week ago Sat. — Ben.
came earlier than I
expected. He looked
good, but rather pale
in the face. I am
anxious to know how
you all feel after the
excitement & trouble
& Anna getting
rested & how are you
all getting along? How
is Hennie after her
trip. How is my little
brother? How is Lois.
Father, Mother & all!
I went this afternoon
evening to Glen[illegible]

the [illegible] Mary
Mr. Edwards in Phi[illegible]
Street. they had been
looking for me for a
long time, having
forgotten my No. in 7th St.
I had just given me
up, when I stumbled
across their path. went
with them to a [illegible]
in Clemmen[illegible] Hall, I
received a season ticket from
Mr. E. for the lectures.
they are given twice a
Month under the
auspices of the
Mechanic's & tradesmen
association. I went
home with them, had
a splendid time &
on leaving in the
Morning received a fine

[illegible] Mother & Father for [illegible]

[illegible] Edwards & Miss [illegible] Ellie & Miss [illegible] cousin [illegible] letter. [illegible] Mary [illegible] Edwards [illegible]

dollar bill as a present
to help Mrs. Stuart
with winter. Wasn't
that nice? Cousin
Mary asked me if I
supposed she could get
a small tub of butter
somewhere in the
country there. I told
her that our fall butter
was engaged. I wonder
Mrs. [illegible] wanted
[illegible] they would
like a tub of about 100. Her
health has not been
very good & she seems
to crave something from
the country. Mr. E. wants
to know if there is no
for sale
in that neighborhood

[illegible]

in her [illegible] took [illegible] Vachon's
last week. She gets along nicely
with her music lessons, goes now
only once a week. Jennie and

Eddie accompanied her the last time and got back safe with Charlotte and brought us home some oranges and candy [illegible].

[illegible] would be pleased to [illegible] please mother's pomades and father's reminds.

Last Monday I went with Minnie & Eddie to the village in the lumber wagon, (as the carriage was under the D's hand still. We hope to have it able to use to-day.) We had sent to Utica for a crate of peaches and C. S. G. had brought them a little one. They were quite a good deal hurt but were most delicious. We wanted to put them up and I tried to get cans, but could find none in the place excepting a few half sizes & on we went, lumber wagon and all,

to Bradford[?]. There are obtained
4 only, but if we can keep [illegible]
we obtained more than 2
[illegible] on [illegible]
[illegible] be comfortable [illegible]
having tried to [illegible]
The [illegible] (which we had [illegible])
were [illegible] kept up by pickling a
good many and boiling [illegible]
and putting [illegible] a few [illegible] of
the berries and using the [illegible]
[illegible] Paul[?] [illegible] there.

Eddie has written a few cheerful
letters since his return, one to Sarah[?],
and the other I think to Jennie
He [illegible]
[illegible] well.
He [illegible]
[illegible] very [illegible] Frank
to his father. I will copy a little of it
before I close my letter.

One day last week Jennie, Eddie
and I went [illegible]

of elder ... a few of ... in
found near Sweetcreek farming ...
Eddie picked while I visited with
... keeping house alone
they joined ... at dinner time
then we all went ... with
Sixty[?] made a call at ... picked a great many berries ... Thomas
that is Ellen and I did, and we
all called at Hugh Williams,
father to the Mr. Wms. that lives
in John Roberts old place.
We had a most luxurious time
were glad of the chance to get ...
sleep that night but were ...
bright and fresh next day.
A few days before that we went
down past H. R. Jones on a
similar errand, drove us
far as "farm" without much
success, turned to the right
there and gathered quite a No.
... climbing the hill ... ...
... travelling ... called on
Mary Vincent, we thought we would
... ... and ... ...
... came, ... it seemed almost as

address Stellapolis Iowa Co Iowa

Nov 28. 1872
Stellapolis Iowa

My Dear Anna & Cynthia

As I am here alone this afternoon I think it will be good company to write to you though I must say I would prefer haveing you here with me for a chat. and to help us eat the Turkey for dinner (first one I ever prepared I tell you so on the sly) not but you have plenty such there. only I should like to have some of my __old__ __friends__ with us. we had one young lady with us

When I received your letter and generous present I intended writing to you much sooner than this hope you will excuse me. you know how it is when one is getting ready to start on a journey. and after arriving here I was kind of busy getting settled. I arrived here the 1st of this month. left home two days before that it was kind of hard work parting though I knew where I was coming and that there would be a warm welcome for me here. It was Tennysons Poems I purchased with your gift and take great comfort reading

them when I am here alone.
hope I will be able to repay you
some time. We had a nice little
surprise party Monday evening (last
there are some very nice young
people in this place) Amelia
Henry P Jones daughter was with
them. her folks are all well.
Rev Mrs Price has been kind of
poorly but was able to preach
last Sunday + to day. I presume
you have heard of Sara Edwards
marraige they came out here the
week after I came his folks live
about 20 miles from here we
are going to see them before long
Mrs Hugh Williams was some better
when I came away and Katie

was married I have heard since
that she has gone to house keep-
ing. Sister Jennie has had a
sick spell she was just about
sick when I came away she
had the jaundice it has worried
me a great deal to think of her
being sick I hope it is not as
cold there as it is here it has
been wretchedly cold these last
two weeks when it is pleasant
weather here it is very pleasant
I will now bring this to a close
please excuse all errors.
Give my love to all your folks
Mrs Williams wishes to be remembered
to you. and accept of my best
love yourselves Yours sincere friend
Mary

[illegible] please write to me as [illegible] as [illegible]) Mary

216 W. 25th St N.Y.
Dec. 11 '87.

My Good Folks;

Do you know that I have a new title!! what do you think of that? [illegible] going to [illegible] this P.M. [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible] Mary Everett. Esq.!!" and [illegible] a letter, the mystery was solved, [illegible] awaiting me was a letter or circular (which I will enclose) addressed, as large as you please, "Mary Everett Esq" wasn't it funny! I suppose Jewellers don't know how to address Doctors. By the way, Jennie, do you not think it would be as well to omit the Miss before my name? Dr. before, or M.D. after, is must be sufficient. Your letter was very welcome yesterday,

I was getting quite in the mood for a letter. Yours came all right, but rather late.

Tell Mother not to think I am sick, because my letters are merry. That is hardly my style. I like sympathy too well! I am very well now, and very busy, though, <u>O, dear</u>, I don't get rich very fast. My duties at the College take all my forenoons. It is much easier and pleasanter than ~~last year~~. I find that I have more standing here. My hard work of last winter made a mark in my favor, which helps me now. So you see I am creeping ~~[illegible]~~ up, slowly but surely.

I have a <u>fine</u> class, though smaller than last year. The ~~Free [illegible]~~ Free College makes the number at our Coll. & at the Blackwell's smaller, but I think we have a choice set.

Will write again soon.

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[illegible]

[illegible] grandfather [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] strong [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the pastor has [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

There is [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] My mail

brought over, — but [illegible] —

your trouble come [illegible]

[illegible] you will [illegible]

[illegible] I think you will [illegible]

here society, Father, Mother
Frank 24, Emma 20, [illegible]
is their names. — You will have
no difficulty in getting this for
$6.25, I am sure. [illegible]
Promotion will open the
way for some one to take
charge of [illegible] some thing
midst, so that you [illegible]
can come down. [illegible]
if we had better [illegible]
[illegible], Dr. Barnett says Dr.
Lugica paid only half for
him which she bought [illegible]
There are numerous comp-
that take mortgages on such
property, but could [illegible]
left the mortgage, [illegible]
not. Tell Jimmie not to
worry about that 10 at claim
of Daniels. He can do
any thing with it, if he wants
to. All claims are outstand-

[illegible] of [illegible] remarked, I
if it ever [illegible] meant to be
collected (which it was not
all he could do would be to
lay claim from them forward,
I should like to see the claim
for curiosity sake, it is one
of those old fashioned
[illegible] which were formed
drawn up sometimes in
those [illegible] payment to be made
[illegible] years after
[illegible] I sometimes
the same [illegible] would be
[illegible], some [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]
of the [illegible], but there seems
[illegible]
collected. This is what
Mrs. [illegible] says. [illegible]
[illegible], I [illegible] See Mrs.
[illegible] but don't make
[illegible] angry, & don't let him see
[illegible] you at all.
He really has no claim at all.
Much love from Mary

244 5th Av. N.Y.
March 23/74

Dear Mother Jennie & Lis;

Your joint kind letter must have a few words in reply, if but a few. Thank you for the $.6. I thought the other coupons were meant for mine though of course I knew it was too much. I got for them $.10.05 Did not change them till a few days since as I had to go or send to Wall St. for it. – Thank you! Father!

You will be surprised & pleased I know to be informed that we have been nestling in our dear Mrs. Jones' parlor for most three weeks!! Ain't it a shame that I have not told you before? We are still looking for a house. Have almost decided on one a few doors from Mrs. Squires. It is a smaller house than hers. but built ~~after~~ in nearly the same style. A perfect gem in splendid order and of course a steep rent only $.2000. Still we think we can much more than get it back besides making our own rent. –

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by renting the rooms. — The location is just perfect. — We have looked a good deal. Can get houses for 1000. 1300. 1400. 1700. 1800 &c but think, ~~all things considered~~, that this is the most profitable, all things considered, for us. — This renting of furnished rooms is very profitable business in B. G. — If we can make ends meet for the first two or three months, we think it will be clear sailing after. —

The Faculty have nominated me as Adjunct Prof. of Anat. for the coming year. If the Trustees consider the nomination favorably I shall have an advanced standing next winter & shall probably have Dr. Griffith as assistant Demonstrator. "The chickens" are not quite "hatched" yet — but I thought I ~~must~~ must tell you. —

Jennie, if you want to make liquid med. from pellets, put about ten or a dozen in a little water just enough to desolve them. When they are thoroughly desolved throw all out but what sticks to the vial. — Fill nearly with alcohol, ~~shake~~ shake thoroughly, & you have it.

Yours lovingly — Mary.

Jennie. — If you should take some money out of the bank before the 1st of July — will you lose the interest from the first of Jan.? How much have you in the bank? which you could spare if we need it.

Dr. Griffith has just observed that I am writing on this old invitation, & says it is a shame to send such a scrap of paper home but I know you will forgive it — We had a very nice time on the eve of the 17th. Wish you could have been there to help enjoy it. — I was not at all ashamed of My Dear. — After the reunion at Mrs. Logan's toasts were given to the Graduates to the Dean to the Faculty, the Alumnae & the class of '75 — to the first Dr. Griffith was called upon to respond which she did very nicely. O, you must come & see us when we get in our new house!! Won't it be splendid though?

Junior Students.

MRS. MARY A. GARRISON, N.Y. — MISS MARY C. [illegible], N.J.
" [illegible] STEVENS, N.Y. — " MARY W. BATES, Me.
" EMMA RYDER, Cal. — " LIZZIE KEISSER, Ohio.
" E. V. D. PARDEE, Conn. — " ELOISE LESTER, Conn.
" CAROLINE E. MANNING, N.Y. — " JEANETTE CALDWELL, Ill.
MISS JANE A. RICH, Vt. — " A. E. VAIL, Conn.
" ELLA F. SWINNEY, N.J. — " EMILIE JONES, N.Y.

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" M. H. [illegible], Woodruff, N.J.
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" ANNA E. GRIFFITH, N.J.
" EMMA ONDERDONK, N.Y.
" CLARA C. PLIMPTON,* Mass.
" H. A. WRIGHT, N.Y.

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F. E. DOUGHTY, M. D.,

Sec'y, pro tem.

N. Y.
333 W. 34th St.
Sept. 12, /74

Dear Brother & Sister;

The barrel of potatoes marched up to our door yesterday as smart as you please. The charge to N. Y. was 84 cts. from depot here 50 cts. which I paid. Was that right? I thank you very much. have not opened them yet. have been too busy. Expect Anna & J. Eddie on Mon. or Tues. Good bye

My note must be
short as patients are
waiting. So. Chris's
asthma is no better.
Dont think I am
good for much, do you?
How is Eliza?
Have you given Carb.
veg. a good trial?
Good bye, good bye
with much love
from
Mary.

433 West 34 St. New York
Jan 21, 1877.

My dear Sisters,
I did not know how to write to you nor indeed how not to do so that you should be anxious. I have been almost sick with a severe cold for several days and Mary was most sick when I came down. We went twice to look at cloaks before we had Sarah's measure. It has been so that we have not been since. We will go as soon as we can. We are quite inclined to get a circular one that will come to the bottom of the dress. They are very much worn and are so warm to wrap about you and it is so easy to wear something extra under-

I have not had what I expected
from Turin but we can borrow
something from Mr. Scott so I
will return the check made pay-
able to Anna. Part of it, I suppose
belongs to William and Sarah, and
Anna can lend of the rest what
she can spare if she thinks best.
I have a letter written to Eddie
which I mean to send by the same
mail as this. Mary had a letter
yesterday from them - They are
both poorly as you probably have
heard. We feel quite anxious to
hear again - hope Eddie will
not have a run of fever. How
are you all. Is Sarah getting over
her cold. Mary said Key & Thos would be
good for her but after we got your card
she said perhaps [illegible] taking

would be as well, she is not in now so I cannot ask. Last Friday evening we attended a tea party at 11th St church, enjoyed it very much and met a number of friends Jennie Owen, Prospect, Miss Morris daughter of Evan Morris, Ninety six, John Price &c. they enquired for you all. The tables were beautiful and the refreshments nice as we used to have donation times. It was nearly 1 when we reached home. Saturday I went with May Jones to Washington Market. It was very interesting to pass through it, but I took more cold as it was damp and chilly. — It does me awfully much good to have Jennie here with me. I hardly know how to behave, she takes such good care of me, getting victuals ready and things, She makes the bed, tends the fire and helps me generally. It seems quite novel and comfortable. I could not go to the Historical lecture this

A. M. I so sent a young gentleman 11 yrs. old with her as an escort. They had a nice time. — I have been having a very sick child on my hands the past 6 weeks and today she passed away — a beautiful little girl of 3 yrs. — First she had scarlet fever. I was not her physician then, but was called in after she took cold & the poison went to her stomach causing incessant vomiting. Relieved her of that, but she took cold again, & it was more persistent than before, we conquered that, and she took a third cold & had Pneumonia & Diphtheria — & finally Emphysema. At last the little spirit left the tortured body & the little one was at rest. Injudicious nursing baffled me all through. — It was a great tax on my time, strength & sympathies. She lived in 5 3 St. — I am so glad Wm is so kind as to let Sarai sleep with Anna. I feel more safe about you so. It was a pity about Sarai's cold: glad it is better. Did Elyas. do it? It is a great cough remedy. Write again soon. Tell George Agnes is nicely but does not go out yet. I do not know about the Cecums.
Much love — Mary & Minnie

Home Aug. 26th 1879

Dear Sisters

I have thought of you all many times if I haven't written I suppose Edward has informed you how I was getting along. I do not feel as well now as when I left Eleburn. I was quite poorly Friday night Sat. morning E— went for Mother she has been with us until to-day, we expect her back tomorrow. I dont

know how we could get along without her. We have had a woman washing to day it took her nearly all day. E— had five pairs of stockings and five shirts and with the basket of dirty clothes I left the Sat. we started for R— made a large wash. I am still taking Pill. and think it helps me I have great faith in the Pily Doctor. I thank you all for your kindness to me I injoyed my visit very much if I did stay in bed most of my time that Father bed is just splendid and you just-

tell Sarah I get up every morn
before breakfast
Charlie says to me one day
"What would you do if you
were sick and Aunt Mary
wasn't here": he is very good
about helping his Mama
Carroll has not felt very well
to day I think he played in
the sun so much yesterday
Their Father has made them
a nice tent a little larger
than Dave Rice's they have
eaten out there three times
they seem to enjoy it.
Have you sent the articles for
the English Department

to Utica? How are you all?
I would like to slip in and
see you this evening when
do you expect to go back to
N.Y. can't you come up
here? How is Mrs. Jones?
please remember me to
her. The boys thought those
cards were nice they were
quite surprised to see them
on the train they showed
them to papa as soon as
they reached home with
lots of love to you all I am
your sister Eva

New York Oct 2nd /75

Dear Cousin M. & Sam,

We rec'd the portrait of Mother this P. M. Think it is fine. The face looks we think rather flat that is not raised from the surface quite so much as we like. The change in the eye we like very much. The ear is a little too long below & too short above, that is, the fullness & the narrow part above is too narrow & straight. It should be a little more fluffy a narrow ruching put in, as mother used to have. and as there is in the photograph.

Then have the change
from Warrens part and
fulness at sides not
so abrupt, Have that
as in photo. Indeed we
do not wish the cap changed
except to have it a trifle less
full at the sides, & have
it straight. The bow
we like. We will return
the portrait to Jones with
the criticisms as we fear
another artist might not
be able to do so well as
he. We have shown
the two likenesses
to several friends
here who like the cap
in the original just

as it is and we are almost inclined to have Sartain go ahead with it. I think Jones has copied the cap largely from the daguerre of his ~~which~~ and he has also a little of the expression. This is more solemn than the photo. I should not wonder if Sartain would do better with the old cap. that is the full one in a steel engraving it would look soft & not like the other copies. Hope Sara is with you Mary & that she is gaining nicely. Can you both see

Jones. We are afraid
of trying another
artist here as he
has begun it, & will
no doubt make the
changes satisfactorily
Will you call on
Mr. Jones & see whether
he has returned
Mothers plate to
Remsen. If so will
you please send
him yours to finish
this

Marcy
Annie

New York. Oct. 13. 79.

My dear Sisters,

My mind is with you a great deal these days - how I wish I could help you, as I know you must be very busy. Don't make yourselves sick, anyway, even if you take a little longer time. If you think best for J.E. to come before you, I think we could take care of him - he could board with us, and sleep at Mrs. Jones'; and unless you need his help, he had better come. I am not sorry that I came with May, as she is not really fit to be alone. She has been very poorly most of the time since coming down. She does not try to practice much, only treats those that come to the room, and goes about a little. I cannot do much for her, but keep her

[illegible] take care of yourselves [illegible]

company and try to have meals regularly, which she wouldn't do, if she were alone. Did you receive a proof of the steel engraving last week? and how did you like it? I will send in this a copy of the letter [illegible] wrote to Phil. [illegible] what do you think of the [illegible]? I suppose it is not too late yet to change, if we wish to [illegible] did you send? Was [illegible] written [illegible] [illegible] It would be better, we think to have it [illegible] unless "your affectionate father" or something else [illegible] before. I am having my [illegible] dress made over by a lady living in the house. Bring when you come the pattern [illegible] Addie's [illegible] apron — it is in the pattern bag, I think, unless Annie [illegible] she [illegible] it over, and I don't know whether she returned it or not. Please look in the next [illegible] of the bureau in [illegible] room of [illegible] right hand front corner, in a round box you will find I think wrapped up in paper a [illegible] which Addie used to wear, — please [illegible] it in a letter as M. has [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] certain if she could [illegible] it. If it is not there do not trouble, as I can't tell where else to look. We [illegible] no cover for the [illegible] except a shawl [illegible] bring [illegible] [illegible] with her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in front of the bed in your room [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] stand the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I feel [illegible]

A. G. Feb. 25 1881

Dear Sisters - The date reminds me that this is the anniversary of dear Father's "Going home"! Six years of glory for him! & six of waiting for us. We both intended to write you today in answer to yours good full one but as it is most 7 we must send a word & write again. Hope Sara is better. Did she try the Bandages? or was she enough better before she got it. Jack will have something to tell you in the next letter we are both well

& I must close or
lose the mail.
Lots of love from
P. & M. E. —

New York Feb. 26/8

Dear Sisters:

While Jack is going to have his hair cut, I will spend a few minutes with you. We are quite anxious to hear how Sarah's cold is. Do you not think that Anna had the Influenza too, which has kept her weak so long? Hope she & S are gaining now.

I was sorry to send the Badiago so abruptly without a word, but I had quite a time getting it & reached home just in time to throw things together & have Estelle hasten

Good bye dear ones all. Take good care of each other & write often to the absent ones here. I had a kind letter from Br. Bulle this morning. Their vacation has just begun, they are well also John & Annie & Bessie in [illegible]. They [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]. Much love M. W. E.

with double quick step to get to the Office before 7. Don't know as he succeeded after all. That was a shabby little letter we sent last night, but it was just the same way there & I thought a few words, just to let you know we remembered you, was better than nothing. D. E. has returned with his hair just as long as before, as there were so many costomers waiting that he took pity! on the barber & thought he would wait till next week. O, but you ought to see how much he needs to shave tonight! that black beard of his, I tell you it shows! & I think the razor will be called into service tonight.

I have this week been attending
the baby of Mrs. (Watts) Reavy. The
poor little thing had ~~the~~ snuffles
most cruelly since it was a
week old & now its Mamma
had been eating pickles & things in
a most unwise manner, so
that on Monday night it was
in a bad state, but I am
happy to say that it can
breathe now like another
baby & it sleeps better than
it ever has, & its Mamma
says "You are a gem"!! Mrs. Tindale
is with them now. They both
enquired very interestedly for
you all & send love. Mr.
Reavy is a lawyer & seems
to be a very nice man. They
are in very comfortable cir=
cumstances. & have taken
a whole house for next

I feel more comfortably about you since you have stated how you kept the hall warm. If you could have all the doors draped as Mrs. Fargis does hers it would make it warmer. She takes of the doors, but you would not want to do that. The curtains would keep so much cold air out when you open the doors into the cold rooms. – O, dear! how I should love to step in this evening & have a good bath & stay over Sunday! – Do you remember Jennie how the water came into our cellar before you went away? Well, it was discovered at last that it was owing to a wooden

sewer which led from my waste pipe. to the main sewer!! That was put in when my basin was put in the room no wonder there has been sewer gas here all the ~~time~~. The wooden box had rotted & that caused the leakage. I hope it will be better now as they have put in other pipes. They are not quite right yet as I smell gas some, but we are watching them & if they don't succeed in making it all right. I shall move. Since we found out this trouble I was glad you were not here, but if you had, it no doubt, would have been attended to sooner. I did not call their attention to it till lately.

year. They now occupy two floors in Dr. Rickaby's house in 42nd St. Mrs. (Watts) Reavy has been there three years & was in the house 6 or three mths. I think she said before she was introduced to her future husband who was then boarding with Dr. Rickaby: his two children being in boarding school. They are at home and enjoy their new Mother & Maggie is very happy with her new sisters & brother. - We were much obliged to Aunty Emma & Co. for happening not to come that day to interrupt that good long letter of Jennie's. I really seemed as though we had had quite a visit. Hope S. G. & Co. have made their visit since though

N. Y.

June 22/81

Dear Ones at Home;

We have this noon secured this beautiful building on 64th St. bet. 7th Av. & Broadway for Coll. & Hosp. Possession Sept. 1st but can store our things there now. Shall send such as I have here & this will relieve me of some care. This miserable heat! Must look for another. Hope Sara is more comfortable. Glad to see more seasonable weather though it is cold. We are having a favorable time for the boys to go.

Hope it will get there
all safe. Let me know
when it arrives. I am
sorry I could not put in
any little knickknacks
but did not feel well
at the time. Would
you like a small box
sent or brought with delicacies
The last one was
only 85 cts expressage
I believe. Mrs. Sleight
has come in to invite
me to supper. She has
just put in the pot six
cabbages, not very large
ones I suppose. I am glad
of the invitation as I was
out on College business
& did not get my dinner.
Am feeling a good deal
better. This cool weather
the last few days.—

agrees with me. My hand is better, has not troubled me much in writing this. Am anxious to hear from home again, had no letter for several days. Is Sara more comfortable. This weather is certainly better than the rain we had last week. I sent a small copy of the revised edition of the New Testament to Sarah yesterday. Would she prefer a coarser type. I have one like hers. I am trying to arrange for a run home. & thinking of it makes me awfully homesick. – I have not yet felt able to prepare

my lectures. but hope
that the sick spell
which I feared has
been warded off &
that I can study
soon. This is a poor
little apology for a letter
blotted & scrawled. don't
know as it is any better
than none at all.
I feel like talking
with & seeing you
but don't know how
to write. ~~Do~~ you know
how that is? Am in
the visiting mood
more than the writing.
Accept lots of love
anyway in hopes of a
better letter next time
Mollie

B. G. Aug. 8th 1881

Dear Ones at Home:

I think the Lord never visited a thirsty land with a more grateful, delicious shower than we have been enjoying during the past hour. Straight down the drops came, with such a delightful patter and rebound from the sidewalks & street! One seemed to drink in the coolness, & to rest our eyes with the liquid streams that poured down so gently and so easily from the fountain above. ~~The heart~~ As I came to the window & watched, Ou

thankfully, the falling
drops. I wondered whether
you were enjoying the
same blessing, and recalled
the many times when we
have stood with Father &
all the dear ones in the
front door at home, when
the rain and grass seemed
to kiss each other and all
creation sang for joy! I find
myself watching for the rainbow
which so often came ~~with~~ the rain
~~saying~~, "There shall be no more
deluge, fear Not!" I think
there never was sweeter or
greener grass or ~~brighter~~
~~flowers~~ than that which
grew under our gaze at such
times ~~sweeter~~ and brighter
flowers never threw back
answering smiles with more

Buoyant
~~buoyant~~ grace. Who ever had
a more loving, lovely home or
more to look back to than we!
Let us be thankful and
with courage born of ~~the~~
grateful remembrance
fight bravely & trustfully
the battles of life!
"How excellent is thy
loving-kindness O, ~~Lord~~!
therefore the children
of men put their trust
under the shadow of thy
wings!" I did not
feel able to go to church
this morning, & so lay down
with Mother's Book of Psalms
for comfort. The above
verse came to me ~~with~~
~~was~~ a special message,
& with such newness,
I ~~never~~ seemed never to

have seen it before!
The infinite kindness
of our God! the perfect
trust which we may
place in him! and his
protecting care. "Under
the shadow of thy wings"!
Why should we ever be
despondent, or even sad?
The heat of the past few
days has been very oppress-
ive. ~~and~~ I have felt it a
good deal, and have longed
much for the cool breezes
& the hammock! But you
too have had a heated term.
We have nearly always a
cool breeze from the sea in
my window. There is another
shower coming & the thunder
even makes me think of
home The rain comes
down on a slant now from the East

New York Aug 12/84

Dear Sisters & Nephews;

I am reminded that it is Friday & that a letter written today will in all probability reach you before Sunday. I suppose Jack's school is nearly out for the week & that he will soon be wending his way home. Wish I could do so as easily. Has Sarah been able to ride out much this week? Is she gaining much in flesh? I wish she could get down the juice of two pounds of beef daily, & Anna too. It would not

not S. get A. down but A get the beef down!

Nearly done & are not six pages enough? I wrote to John today, sending him some medicine. Hens. & E. written to his Father? Have Mattie been to Sun=ellen [illegible] I wonder what kind of a place it would be for teacher. It is inland I think, about 10 miles from Plainfield. Much much love from Ma...

do Jennie any harm to
have some too. With
Sara, everything depends on
her getting well Nourished
I enclose a card which will
give you an idea of suitable
diett in cases of lung trouble.
This Dr. Salisbury is very
successful I am told by Dr.
Swann, & he depends almost
entirely on diet and hygienic
rules. very little on Medicine
Often uses none at all.
Is Anna improving on the
Wheat Phosphates! She needs
building up too. I wish you
had two beds in that room.
so that each of you could
get More air. & I think both
would rest better. How
about the Lake? How
far can S. ride now. Dr. Wright
says if we had her once in

a very easy carriage she does not think it would be difficult to get from the cars there. How does she stand the rides now? Do you have the easiest horse? Would it be much comfort for you to have me come home again, even if we do not go to the Lake? I ~~have~~ am such a Hanna Scann that I do not know as I am much good anyhow. I heard today that there are good parasols at Erich's for 97cts & I am inclined to buy some for you to send with Edward if he goes home via N York. Hee sent me a ~~check~~ P.O. Order of $20. to buy tickets west, while this Rail Road war continues, as

the fare is greatly reduced. to Cincinnati $7, to Chicago $7, to St. Louis 10.75 He thought these reduced tickets would be good for a year, & that he had better secure them while they were continued, but the fact is that they are good for but 3 - 5 days & so I have not cashed the Order. Would it not be best for me to use some of it to get some things for you ready against [?] comes? Hope you started me a letter this morning or will do so tomorrow morning so that they can cross. This & that to Mama. I commenced in Dr. Leitzman's laboratory yesterday. Did not feel able to do so before. Learn

commence now and finish the course at anytime. $15. for 7 weeks. Tuesdays Thursdays & Saturdays from 2-5 P. M. or from 9-1 every day. Wish now that my office hours were not in the morning. We are each to have 200 specimens & for the afternoon students the Dr. himself helps prepare some as they have less time there. Doctors who have been in practice 30 years come there for instruction & practice. I only wish I could have had this opportunity a year ago. Has John E. decided about where he is going to school the coming winter? I have let my backroom

for $12. Can move at any time as the lady who has taken them would then take the whole flat. D. E. can come here if he likes still. I did not keep the little back room as he did not encourage me to think that he would come down. & I do not think the lady could get along without it. Mrs. Jones would I suppose let him have the bed room as Dr. Evans had last winter. & Mrs. Twambly will have a room for $6. pr. month. possibly for less. I suppose he could make arrangts to help her some & thus lighten his expenses. I have not gone there yet. but have been still tempted ~~to do~~ so.

New York April 12 / 85

Dear Ones all at Home;

I do so want to hear again from you all. Just think, there are five of you and only one of me, & I write the most letters I think, do I not. This is the first day on which I have felt well since coming down. Had to go to work pretty lively at first & did not really get rested. We have had a lovely day today with a few little April showers. Have put my plants out some of these I brought

Mrs. McKnight is my patient to the mentalt for me all the time I was here. I had [illegible] but one dead, & this artist is her husband's aunt by marriage. Her husband was much older than herself an elderly man, & had once had a stroke of paralysis. When he first learned that his wife's efforts had been accepted at the academy with honors, he was so overjoyed that it brought on a second stroke and he died in a few hours.

Another old lady whom I visit, is suffering with
cancer. She lives alone, all her family gone & she
missed me much when I was away. When I told
her of Mother's death, she sympathized with me,
but said, "Be thankful dear, that she went
before you & was not left after you." I thought
that she had given me a good lesson.
and it comforted me to think that so many
of us were able to care for Mother to the last.
My heart had been longing so much for our
dear Mother that morning that I hardly felt
able to go to see the old lady, but the visit
paid me well.

I went last evening by invitation with
some patients to visit the Academy of Design
there are some very fine paintings there
& I wished so much that you could
have been there to enjoy it too.

from home are growing
bought me a Nice Silver
leaf Geranium today for
15 cts It is in bud. My
Oleander is also in bud.
I went the other day
to see an old lady who is
109 years old! She is colored,
Says she was the oldest
of 15 children and is the
only one left, Father, Mother
Brothers Sisters 2 Husbands
& 3 Children all gone. She
hears very well. & talks
sensibly, gets about the
room some & sees the
light faintly. I was much
interested. She is a christian
& told me that she had
been "waiting, Months
& years, yes twenty years
to go home!"

My friends has a [illegible] who paints very
finely, and she had two fine paintings
there. Her forte is painting portraits
and I am to go with them to see her
some day. She is not busy now, is
not much acquainted in New York & I
thought we might perhaps have her
paint some portraits for us, if she
can do them at a price that would
suit our purse. Her paintings are
in oil. What do you think of it?
Her price is $.100. a portrait, but as she
is not now busy & is desirous for something
to do & to be introduced &c. her friends say they
know she will do it for much less.
I wish Anna could meet her.—

Brooklyn Jan 13/82
Sunday, P. M

Dear Sisters;

Cousin Thomas is very ill with Pneumonia They had a consultation this morning - one physician thinks he cannot live over next Wednesday. The other says he has one chance in a hundred to live. Charlie & Robert went up this noon as soon as they heard he was sick. He was able to recognize and speak to Robert though at times they say that he is in a semiunconscious state. Charlie thought best for him not to go in there. We are going up

this evening and some one will stay with him tonight. He has been quite ill since Tuesday - in bed since then. Had a chill on Sunday after being in church but went to his business on Monday & was out in the evening. Will write you again. Have not heard from John since Tuesday last - Have you heard since?

This is a very cold day but pleasant. Mary has gone to S. School. I intended to go over to New York to church, but

on hearing of cousin T's' sickness, decided to remain, and do what I can to help and comfort the cousins here.
Am feeling well. We all join in love to you all. How is Mrs. Prichard. My love to them

Mary

Thomas has Pleuropneumonia or Plurisy combined with Pneumonia

Brooklyn Jan 4/82

Dear Sisters & Co.

When I sent the bed I expected to be there to receive it so as to give you no trouble. I also intended to send it to Attica & let it be at your option whether it should go by Express or continue as Freight on the cars, but I neglected to tell Mr Askin to have it sent only to Attica & as it was directed to Remsen it was ordered to go there

as sometimes these cases terminate in a form of consumption & I want to have them well looked after. Much love to all of you from Mary [illegible] yours in love.

My reason for sending the bed so unexpectedly up was this. Mr. Twombly found some moths in some of his clothes which were in the closet, out of the room which I occupied and although Mrs. T. said she did not think they came from my things still I felt uneasy & thought it would not be entirely safe to leave the carpet <u>over the</u>

~~Summer~~

~~Summer~~ without being thoroughly overhauled and as it would cost $250 at least to send it to the cleaners I thought it would not cost much more to ship that one of the bed home & then we could have the comfort of the bed and perhaps use the carpet more profitably there than here. I think I can get what-

you need. Have $20. now
in hand & will collect
at least enough to carry
me home next week.
Am sleeping much better
at last and think
I am really gaining
a good deal. Want
to go home for awhile
at least and if you
thought you would prefer
to have us take the farm
for a year would be quite
willing to do so. ~~[illegible]~~ I will
write soon again. Let me
know how much grapes
to get. Have not heard
from John in 2 or 3 days.
Hope he will have no relapse.
Have written him to have
his lungs examined thoroughly

New York Dec. 1st/82

Dear Sisters;

Mrs. Jardine has been trying to persuade me that I have heard from home this week, but I can find nothing later than a card which was received last Saturday & that was written on Friday! a week today! She says that I may rest assured that if anything was wrong I would hear certainly. So I suppose it is all right. If you are snowed in, Box 15 must have quite a load, for I have written quite a number of times, [illegible]

& sent some pictures
& things &c. &c. Did you
have a pleasant Thanks=
giving? Mrs. Twombly sent
me an invitation & I invited
Johny. We had a nice welcome
& a nice dinner. Johny was
very much pleased. Indeed
everything seems to please
him. He does enjoy New York
so much. In the morning
he went to Brooklyn to
hear Talmadge & hurried
home to our 1 o'clock dinner
was a little late, but that
did no harm. Mrs T. & the
girls were well. & enquired
kindly for you, especially
Jennie as they knew
her. They would so like to
have me live with them
but they are so far
over!

Day before Thanksgiving
Johnny came here in
the morning & stayed to
lunch. She cooked the
Oysters & we had a good
time. Has Jennie
returned from Turin?
I must write to Kate
The days fly pretty fast
Johnny had a very
sprightly letter from
Hallie. They hope to be
in New York some at
least next Winter
as Dr. Prellin does
not expect to teach after
this year. He once
thought of not teaching
this year but decided
to hold on one year
longer.

Hope I shall have
a letter tomorrow
(before Sunday!) but I must
trust that you are
all right. I suppose
Dr. E. will be at
home before long.
Now. We are having
quite a little winter
Snow has been on
the ground several
days. Sidewalks mostly
clear, but some of them
damp. Much slush
down town.
Now dear one, Good
bye! I must close
& go to see Mrs. Richards
338 W. 16th St. She has
sent for me.
Lovingly your sister
M. A. Lee.

Home, Thurs. Eve., Nov. 30, 1882.

My dear Sister.

Yours of Nov. 28th came this noon, in company with a package of cards &c. the pretty one from O'Neils with styles of bonnets, and some others. I have now quite a collection, (some beautiful ones) that you have sent. Guess I must get an Album to preserve them. I received the Red Riding Hood from Mr. Scott two or three days ago - it is beautiful - whom are I to thank for it, you or brother S.? I also got today a little pamphlet of his, giving price list of different kinds of shoes. Please give my kind regards to ~~him~~ and thank him for the remembrance. Wish I could see

his two little boys. Jennie has not come home yet. Ellen Griffith is staying with me now - she came yesterday morning, when cousin M. went away. She says she will stay till Jennie comes. We get along nicely. I think I am a good deal stronger than when Jennie went away, a week ago yesterday - am able to be about the house a good deal, but try to get along with as little work as possible. Had a card from J. today - she said Charlie was suffering from toothache - kept her & M. awake last night. She talked some of coming home tonight, but I hardly expect her, as Charlie is poorly. They had heard from E. from Bangor - expect he will be at home some time this week. Mr. & Mrs. Prichard called here this morning before meeting -

they had only a few minutes to stay, but wished to know whether we would be willing to rent the farm to them the coming year. They would like to come right away, as the man who talks of coming to their place wishes to take possession now. I told them that we had not rented, but had decided to keep it ourselves unless they should want to come, as they had talked about it when we were in Elgin. What would you think of the arrangement? Mr. P. said when we were at Elgin that he would be willing to come any way, that is to rent or to work for us, but I think the better way for us would be to rent it to him, then we would not have the charge.

A. had this written so far yesterday. I came last evening - walked up from the

depot, leaving my satchel. It was rather snowy especially from D. Price's. I left them at Turin, pretty well except Charlie who had tooth ache, and diarrhea. His bowels have been troubling him ever since he got over the sore throat. He was taken sick Saturday and Monday Cordt had it. Mate kept him in the house till Wednesday - it was very hard for her to do all the running, and now she thinks he went out most too soon. He had quite a number of cold sores on his lips and altogether he seems to have been more exhausted by his illness than the others. He would sit up every night with his mother and run for the mail 10 or 10½ p.m. I prescribed china & puls. for him - was that right? I hope they will get along now and that E. will not be long coming. It was hard for me to keep up my courage leaving A. so long - and when I heard that Sadie had gone and cousin M. was leaving, it seemed that I must come, especially as I thought they would not miss me very much - I am glad to be here today - it is our first real wintry bluster, I found the snow shovel and made paths this a.m. No one has been to see us today - only Skie has been around attending to Robbie's chores.

New York Jan 26 '83

Dear Sisters;

Annie's letter of the 26th was very welcome. It is a special treat to get something from her because I know it requires a great effort. Not that the letters of the other dear ones are at all depreciated, but you know how it is! Am sorry to have put you off with mere cards this week but have been lazy & the time would go till it became a question of a card or nothing for that day. Am getting better of my cold. Am some hoarse yet, but go out every day. & last even-

went to a sociable given by a literary
society of young people who are
mostly members of our church.
The subject for the evening
was Tennyson. First a young
lady read a short sketch of
his life & then different
members of the society were
called upon to recite selections
from his writings. A young
gentleman recited "The charge
of the six hundred." Tableaux
(from Tennyson) &c. then
a collation, ice cream, cake
& lemonade. then more
tableaux, a few games & all
went home well pleased.
It was very pleasant
and a nice change for
me. Johnny was invited, but
he had a cold with headache
& did not come. Two of his

fellow students, who also are working in our church were there. The company numbered about 40 or 50 & there were present 3 lawyers, 2 doctors & 2 Theologues.

Have had a long call which will necessitate a shorter letter as it is time for me to go — I will try & write soon again. I hope Jennie will like his dress. The reason that I bought it was that it seemed such a good piece, just what I thought she wanted. & as we had been looking at goods before, & I did not know when I might be able

to go again. I thought
the wisest way would
be to secure the
sunshades.
The dearest ones
Good bye with
warmest love
from your
loving sister
Mary
Love to all the
friends. Mr. & Mrs.
P. Laura Carrie
&c &c &c

372 Pearl St.
Brooklyn
Thanksgiving day
4 30 P. M.

Dear Sisters & nephew

we have just risen from a splendid Thanksgiving dinner, John Butler came over & we had a nice family party — Robert & Polly came down too. The men Robt. Charles & Johnnie have gone for a walk Polly is playing in the parlor. Mary dancing, Lein

is there too, Annie
talking to me & Mary
is running around
with some of her
playmates. Annie
wishes you were all here
too. Hope you are having
a good time, too. I went
over to Mrs. Smith's
yesterday & found my
letters which were
very welcome I assure
you. Hope we can
have a family gathering
when I get home. I
wish it might be that
you could be all together
today. I trust that you
are having a good time

at all events, Cousin
& Johnny join with me in
love, also Mrs. Smedly
Minnie & Allie, very
particularly. All are
coming home to spend
Thanksgiving & so they
kept me there for a
visit last night.
I am sorry P. E. has
more cold! If Sule &
Bro. do not come home
I think he will have
to finish up on Hickor.
But he must manage
some how not to add
to his cold. Be careful
that is a dear boy.
I have not done
much yet but rest
& have a good time

am feeling better
& will attempt to leave
Much love & must
close for the boys
have come home
& I must see if
Small boy will be
a some [illegible] [illegible]
& direct home

Mary

372 Pearl St.
Brooklyn.

Dear Sisters & Father

You will not be surprised probably to see that I am with the cousins here. Cousin Annie has invited me to make my headquarters here & go each day to N. Y. to attend to business. So you may address to me here. Shall go over to Mrs. Tienneth's tomorrow where I hope to find a letter from you. Have been taking a rest here since Sunday and have about worn off a headache

which prevented me from going to church on the Sabbath & drove me out here rather sooner than I intended. Annie says "give them a great deal of love & tell them that I wish they were here too." Lizzie says she wishes she was there with you, though she does not know how it would agree with her in the winter. She & May have been having a bad cold & I am dosing them with a wet compress. They are both improving.

Annie says she thinks astrachan cloth will be just the thing for your

Send us the

cloak measure the dis-
tance from the bottom
of cloak to bottom of
dress & the length around
cuffs & cape of the same
make the cloak light & thin
& bring thick. She thinks
it will look very nice as
Aluminum cloth is the
style just now & would
look nicely with your goods.
I find that I can bring
all my things with Mrs.
Swantly except the Sofa bed
& Johnny Butler will take
care of that. Have not felt
able to see my patients yet
but will write to see some
of them today & make a
move after Thanksgiving
How are you C. M. Kelley

I am in quite a hurry to get a letter from you. How did J. E. feel when he was at home? Will he have a Thanksgiving vacation? Lizzie & Mary send some candy to this. I am having a nice restful visit with a great welcome. We all join in much love to you all and especially to Lizzie from Mary, Lizzie & Mary.

Affectionately

Your

We are expecting John Butler to tea & some of us to go & hear him preach tonight some how in Brooklyn

872 Pearl St
Brooklyn
Dec 3d/83

Dear Sisters & Co;

Anna's card was very welcome this morning. Hope you are keeping yourselves com=fortable. Have you had any snow since I left? We are having very nice weather. Yesterday morning it rained some but I went to hear Mr. Lampher & enjoyed it much. I have been busy making a tight-fitting jacket of the sack which I used to wear with the cape.

Annie has been telling me. It is now very comfortable & will be all I want till I come home. Annie has a dolman pattern which will I think fit me & do for the broadcloth. Can I do anything for you. Shall be going over to New York this week probably every day and attend to business patents &c & then hie for home! I expect that we will have a fine time fixing up things when I get home

Am getting all the ideas I can, & the patterns too so far as I can. I hope you are visiting some so as to be fresh for all kinds of fine doings. Cousins send a great deal of love & often wish you were ~~here~~. Lizzie is getting over her cold, Bry has done well for her also for May, Am giving Charlie Cale. c. & it is making him feel bright. Much love dear ones from May

Mary sends a little
girl to keep Annie
company. Has any
one enquired about
the pulley's in Shelf
B?

N. Y.
418 E. 57th St.
Feb. 8/84

Dear Sisters;

I called at 31 & 33 Vesey St. yesterday. It is the Store over which Mr. McCullagh presides. He had the man show me the sets. I like the Gold band the best decidedly as it is finer ware. More dainty and pretty. The Mat's rose is not so sympathetically touched. Mr. McC. says when you get ready to send the money you had better send to him and if there is anything new or more desirable than the

that is if this that I now chase, is gone. He says if I should be here you had better send the money to me & we could together look over the sets and make a choice. Are you keeping pretty well? I (Private) am a little inclined to hold on a little as there is a good deal of dissatisfaction at the Coll. with their Anat. & I do not know but they may need me to help them out. This would open a way for next winter, and the term only lasts through March. Dont say anything outside about it. I am feeling well

The watching with cousin T. did me no good. but I have rallied again and am very well only do not get sleep so well as I would like. but am fat enough. Had a delightful visit ~~with~~ with Jennie & Libbie & would have remained longer but wanted to let the Coll. folkes know that I am around. This is private. You see I could then be home all summer & have an certainty of something for next winter. If nothing presents

I think I will start for home early next week. I did hope to be ready to go with John Eddie tonight but did not get around

Much love

Mary

P. O. order all right. Thanks. Have decided to retain my office as Treasurer till April at least. I am collecting some. Send bill from home.

Weather here lovely. night [illegible] cold & freezing tonight.

Remsen, N. Y.
Mch. 31st /74

Dear Sisters;

In presenting this my tenth Annual Report I wish to express sincere thanks for your continued confidence. The duties of the past year have been performed with more difficulty than usual, owing to the state of my health, and necessary absence from the city. If, in consequence, there have crept in any errors in the account I shall be

very happy to rectify them.

With earnest wishes for the best interests of the society and unity of the Sisterhood I remain affectionately

Your retiring Treasurer

Mary H. Everett

To The Association.

Please [illegible] Meeting [illegible]

Remsen N.Y.
Mch 31st /84

Dear Friend,

I believe you are on the Committee to consider the feasibility of changing the Name of our Society. I do not remember who is chairman, I send in my report to you knowing that you will put it in the right place. also will you please read the Treasurers report and the little note enclosed. I sent the books with my Nephew to Utica this Morning to be forwarded by Express to you. Hope you will receive them tomorrow Morning. I shall be anxious to know how you all succeed tomorrow & next day. Yours with love

M. H. E. Cone

I shall be anxious to hear
again about amount of money
in bank &c &c Am sorry to
have troubled you so much
I hope the next Treas. will be
better. —

Lest by any chance the
books sent by Express should
not reach you in time for —
here state that according to
my acct there is now in the
Treasury $55.87 and so if you
are correct as to amt in bank "$64.153
there is more now there than should
be. I have therefore retained what
I have in hand till I hear further.
I may have put some of my own
money in the bank last Summer
when I was coming away. We will
have it all right in time.

To the Chairman of Committee
on The Name of our Association

On consulting my Latin Lexicon I find that Alumnus is an adjective of the 1st & 2d declension. Alumnus-a-um. Def. That is nourished, brought up. It is mostly used as a substantive. As such, the definition is, Alumnus-pl. Alumni, a nursling, a pupil or scholar, a foster-son. — Alumna, pl. Alumnae a pupil, a foster daughter.
The two terms stand side by

side, and are of equal merit; but the definition of Alumnus pl. Alumni is a foster son & that of Alumna pl. Alumnae, is a foster daughter. I therefore think that in the name of our Association Alumni should be changed to Alumnae. The customs of other institutions of learning might also have due weight. The graduates of Mt. Holyoke Sem. are called Alumnae & I think it is the same at Vassar College.

The terminations of this word correspond to the real sex of the object defined, but we know that in Latin this is not necessarily the case.

very frequently it is otherwise &c.
especially in the 3^d declension,
where the nominative of masculine
and feminine nouns are always
alike. Doctor is a noun of the
3^d declension. Def. a teacher,
an instructor. It is put down
as a masculine noun, though as
we have seen, that does not
determine the sex, were it
feminine it would be Doctor
just the same. (Pl. Doctores)

Respectfully
Mary H. Everett

Remsen
Sept. 8 / 8[illegible]

Dear Sister:

Address of Stereo-type Co. Celluloid Stereotype Co. 11 Frankfort St. New York. Simon thinks favorably of having Mr. S. set those pages, if you think it will look nicely, have it done so. It seems to me that it is not so very important to have it exactly *like* the rest, if it looks well & is plain.

Wish L. C. *could* see Sarah Davies, but he has so little time it seems that he cannot. The address was right. Hope she will go. She will be glad to see cousin Mary when she [illegible]

able to come. It has been pretty hot here since you went. Like an oven up stairs evenings. P. E. slept on the new stoop last night. Sat night was cool. Mary Ann Charles has promised to come & help tomorrow. Think you need not hurry home as you are resting & having a good time.
Very hastily as George is starting.
Will write again tomorrow.
Much love to all
M. H. & P. E.

230 W. 33d St.

N. Y. April 4/85

Dear Folkes;

I do not know whether to address this letter to Jennie or Annie, or both, or what, & so will send it to Annie, as she is quite a stand by there by this time. Mrs. Jardine said to me yesterday morning "Now I don't want you to waste any more time, without writing to Jennie & Annie!" But I did not get time yesterday except for a poor little postal, written at the P. O. Hope you have that today. Well, commencement is over! & we had an enjoyable time. At the Reception after, your little sister had to respond to a toast. Made a 5 minutes

speech, which they said sounded very well. Will give you the benefit of it when I come home. It was, that is the toast "way" to the "Alumnae". The next evening we had an Alumnae Dinner at Delmonicos very fine indeed, & I must just show you our Menu card. Much finer than the one which I had at Mrs. Fortesque's dinner. The trouble is, that my French is so rusty, that from the card, I could not tell you what we did have to eat! but will try to remember. I can hardly tell when I will come home. I want to see you very much of course, but have not had time yet to see whether it will be best to remain a little longer or not

Am not quite through at [illegible].
Mrs. P. Lizzie & I are all a little
under the weather. Colds & late
hours do not agree with us very
well, but after Easter Sunday's
rest, I think we will all feel
better. I had a nice letter
from Br. E. the other day
in which he said he thought
Jennie was on the way
home, ~~&~~, so she must be
with you now, & P. E. too, I
suppose. By the way, is not
this Br. E's. birthday?, we
ought all to write to him.
Mrs. P. says, she thinks
that her sickness arises
from the ~~expectation~~ anticipation of
my leaving her!! Is not
that too much? She says,
she wishes you could have
seen me, with her [illegible],

on the stage, with my best
bib & tucker with a bouquet
as large as my own little
self!! She felt proud, but
I did not. She had to
spend so much time
fixing me up, that
she & Lizzie were late,
& had to take the seat
in the window where
Jennie & I sat one
commencement evening,
a few years ago. Do you
remember Jennie?
I must now close, & run
up to the college for a
little time.

Much love to one
and all of the dear
cousins and your
own selves. Hope Alex
is better.
We three join in love. Mrs. P says
her poetic genius is choked up by her cold or she
would send a rhyme. Lovingly Mary.

Home

Aug 12/89

Dear Sister,

I have time to write but a few words this morning as P.E. is about starting, so to print today. Cousin Wm. came here last eve and brought your book It looks nicely we paid him $1. He said his family enjoyed their visit so very much. Last evening we had by mail a box from Emma, containing my shoes, (which fit very nicely) also two neckties for P.E. (one a Philipoena,) Emma's likeness for you. & two nice pieces of tatting for Pennie. We

want to see you very much. Hope you are having a good time and are gaining in strength. We are sorry you are losing so much of the little boys visit. but it seems it could not be helped. We looked for some word from you yesterday. Have had a card & 1 letter from you. Did you get the second letter from home in which there was a bill $2, I think, also an envelope & sheet of paper. I think you acknowledged this letter, but Jennie thinks not. I enclose another envelope so that you can write if you do

not come home. I suppose Robbie is very busy today, we are sorry not to be able to get a horse to go for you as the boys are here & cannot very well leave to go & see you. Hope we will have a line from you today. Br. E. writes that he hopes that some of the Aunties will come home with the boys the last of this week, will you go? The chaps are having a good time & are enjoying themselves as much as they can but want to see Aunt Annie muchly love to all there

Much love from All.
M.

Home June 4, 1890.
On the front Stoop

Dear

Your second letter of entreaty came the first before last June 2nd. Too bad that you have been so neglected, but I hope you have rec'd the letter which I commenced to you in the woods. Every body is busy here now and have been ever since I came home, with Gen., 1st of June at the monument &c &c and the preparing for and commencing the building they are pretty much on the finish. Father has gone to Utica today. he is quite smart now. Mother has

... the back kitchen ... the most ... want to have ... rest for a working kitchen, with sink in ... the door which leads into it from the kitchen there is to be a cistern under a hall under the floor there ... reaching partly in to the garden.

we are moving the pantry in between ... making a hall ... [illegible]

Monday June [illegible]. Father sends $20. twenty dollars in this. May it reach you safely & do you good. [illegible] today. (Chummy [illegible]) Good by [illegible] ever so much love [illegible] & take good care of yourself. Sister Mary.

just been resting. Jennie is mopping. Sarah is convalescing. was not so sick as some times. last time was exceedingly severe. I had given her a new medicine and we thought it was probably an aggravation I wrote to My "german pa" about it and have received two letters about it. The one which came today contained the intelligence of the death of our dear Dr. Andrews. He had gone west for his health. He had been with the Coll. from the commencement. Faithful to the last. I wish his spirit might attend me. I took him a bouquet twice after the term closed. the fragrance of the flowers seemed to refresh and please him. Dr. Miner has been appointed to fill his place at the Coll. My spina bifida case has

goes [illegible] to take hand of [illegible] and [illegible]. I suppose the bitter thing never could have been said.

Little John Eddie is in school. He has the promise of being at home when the chimney comes down. I suppose he will stay at home pretty often this summer when there is anything particularly interesting going on. He is a very good child. Went with us to the celebration the other day and though jammed in the crowd was as patient as could be and said he was glad he had come. That was a great day. Teams went down in droves to carry those who came in the cars and nearly all "had a ride" they seemed much pleased to have a free ride and every thing so pleasant. It was a

He amused us greatly the other morning, strutting around, displaying the whole beauty of his plumage nearly the entire forenoon. We noticed him some and a little praise seemed as effectual in stimulating his vanity as is the case with the fraternity in human form. Little Eddie said he wished he had a tail that he could spread out so!! He, our little one, went with me to see Dr. Wells yesterday P. M. and he had six teeth filled. 3 permanent molars with gold and 3 others with gutta percha. He was quite brave though they were all tender. Now he has as nice a set as any child need to have. It cost 6 dollars but what of that if it saves his teeth?

We, Steuben folks, are to have a great time the first of June.

the new monument is to be
erected over the grave of Baron
Steuben at last, at the cost
I have been told of $8,000,
for the base monument.
They say that as many as
five hundreds of the N. Y.
Germans are to come from
N. Y. Wish my German Pa
could be of the number, I
have written to invite him
O. I forgot to tell you. Once he
asked what sister said in her
letter. I said that you were
well and happy. "She is one,
said he, who will be happy
anywhere". I told him that
like all the rest of us were
quite dependent on your
surroundings, but you
always found friends wherever
you went. The college girls
took a wonderful liking to

Jim [illegible] after Mary Eva's last night [illegible] Amelia said that you have not heard yet [illegible]

you. Mrs. Gilbert among the rest. She and Miss Dickinson are at Round Hill water Cure at Northampton Mass. for the Summer. Mrs. G. as Physician Miss D. as assistant in some way. They both sent love. Dont know as I forwarded it or not. It is so long since I have written.
Our folks feel ever so bad about their neglect. They have been so busy. You dont know how much good your good long letter which I recd in N.Y. did me. It set me so much at ease regarding you, but the result in one respect was rather sad, for I have been long in answering. — Mrs. Griffitts by the church is quite feeble. I have not seen her yet. Good bye darling. We all send a heartful of love.
Mary H. Everett.

home, and Mr. Roberts the
minister read them. I read
your letters in which they were
very much interested. I am
sorry the [illegible] is not coming
that there will be [illegible]
in it from you this [illegible]
Mr. Roberts wife and baby
have come over. I have not
visited them yet.—

5. P. M. Now I am in the study
writing with Father's pen while
he is reading the "Drych." The 2nd
form is just off. the 1st pressful
ready to come out, and to be folded
this evening. Mother is setting
the table, Sarah ironing, Lina
giving Ellen Griffiths a lesson
Eddie playing in the yard, Tommy
washing the form. Jennie
setting on the cover. Lewis gone
home I believe and the peacock
"discoursing sweet music" nearby.

lovely day and "somebody" turned
out. I had been trying without
success to get Father to promise
to go. but in the Morning Uncle
Henry made his appearance
having come the night before
with Lottie & Bell to "John Fo."
So Father started up, we got him
ready and I took him & Uncle
nearly to the grounds. and came
back for the rest. Met lots of
teams while this passed me
on the road, at one time making
[illegible] rear and spring a little
but I held her in without
difficulty, and hurried home. Next
took Mother & Emma to Horsefelin
to see them pass. Hannah &
baby did not go. Mrs. J. C. Thomas
was there, also Mrs. E[illegible]
Williams. They had dinner,
saw sights, and had a good time
generally. The rest of us went to "Sixty"

Anthony, Kansas
Feb 23^d [illegible]

Dear [illegible];

[illegible], how are you all [illegible] this bright morning? Has Jennie rested well nights? I find that I have her Dule. with me & so return it in this, also some [illegible] which she needs [illegible]. Has John pretty well recovered from his K. C. trip? That was a pretty long [illegible]. They had rain here that day but no snow at all. The land here is quite sandy, wish I could transfer a few loads to the yard there. — I think of you all and wish I could see how you are arranging things. Did John like the idea of taking possession of his own room, kitchen stove &c. & letting the men have the kitchen? or does he prefer to keep the heating stove in his room so as to have fire nights? Has Jennie's bed been [illegible] & how does it seem? Is Mary Ann's cold better? Are Libbie & Robt. [illegible] & [illegible] well? How did the boys get home that night? I did not pay Libbie for the care [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the sewing, but there will be more of the [illegible] & we will make it all right. How much postage did he pay on the package to Anna?

There is a square dark bottle in the [illegible] cup-
board in our room with a little alcohol in
it. Jennie had better rub [illegible] with it. She
sometimes likes a little on her head.
Those pickles, Libbie, that we were going to
have with the turkey, were entirely forgotten
in my hurried preparations. You had better
use & enjoy them now. They are in a dark
can. & I think, [illegible], or possibly
in the box cupboard in [front?] room. The
can will be ready then for mince if
you make it as we spoke of. We have
pickles here, so it was no great loss to
[illegible] me to have had them, [illegible]
I pickled them for you. How does Jennie
like her new flannels? Does she keep warm
[illegible], she had better have a pair
[illegible] blankets, How would [illegible]
[illegible]
wool red ones do? Look at [illegible], as
I am told that they have the best [illegible]
sortment there. I will send an order
on [illegible] here [illegible]
hunt. I saw some very nice red blankets
at Mr. Robinson's one day but do not know
where they were purchased.

I went to S. School yesterday, & had a
seat in the Bible class. ~~Lesson~~. "The
Successor of Elijah." The teacher, Mr.
Smith made it very interesting. This
service was at 10 A.M. At 11. the preaching
service began. Our boy did well. His
text was, "The Son of Man came to save
that which was lost."

Lina teaches school 5 miles distant [illegible] over every morning & returns at night. Willie Simon is another grandson about 20, who [illegible] here & goes to school to Lina, He drives for her. He is the son of another daughter who lives in [illegible]. As school advantages are not very good where they live, he came here last fall to board & go to school. So you see there is quite a [illegible]. They sing & have just such a lively social time as we used to [illegible] [illegible] at home. and as we sit in [illegible] room & listen to the murmur of their [illegible] chat, or join with them we are strongly reminded of our dear old home. [illegible] has a room off the parlor which has another door opening on a [illegible] which fronts the street & a door from the parlor also opening [illegible] at the end. This room is I should think 12 by 12 ft I will send a diagram of some of the house. It is time for the mail. Will send diagram again

Much love to all Mary

Utica

May 8, 193

Dear Cousins

Your letters of April 7th still unanswered please excuse or forgive my neglect. I was down here when your letter reached Alder Creek and after they had read it home they forwarded the letter to me. I have been down here over a month receiving treatment of Dr. S. White and I am getting along nicely I expect to go home the last of this week or first of next.

I am staying with Louise and Annie Richards now at 104 Court St, it is very pleasant here right opposite the church. Today is a

lovely day, it is quite a
treat to have a nice day
it has been so cold and
rainy, The lettuce you
wrote about we were never
able to save any seed of
and were never able to
get any more, but Aunt
Annie wrote in her last
letter that she thought
they were called ice lettuce.
Is it warm enough to
make gardens of out there
now. May came down
three weeks ago and staid
for two weeks she went
home week ago last Saturday
I am going up to the Hills
sometime this week to see
how they are getting along
they are expecting little
feet there every day if they
have not already come
Joe looked as big as a small

mountains and was the happiest mortal I ever saw in that condition and those who I have heard say anything about her say that she don't know what is before her, she talks like a very young girl, not like a woman nearly 40 years old, and she is so satisfied with her own superior knowledge that she will take no hint what-ever from her Mother, and if her Mother tries to tell her how she used to do Joe says "times have changed since then, Aunt Maria thinks Joe is not modest enough, and indeed I don't think she is, she is far from being modest but Joe says it is nothing to be ashamed of so she makes as much show of

herself as she can, now how
is that for gossip, Ada says
she is going to be married in
June but dont let them know
I told you they did not tell
me not to tell but perhaps they
would rather write you them-
selves, Mary I think feels a little
blue that Ada is marrying before her
Verne has another year at the Med. Col.
I think they had better wait until
he has graduated dont you?
Aunt Lucy is well Hellie's
children and little Ruth have
all been sick with the measles
but are getting better, Lewis
comes home every Saturday
night and goes back Sunday
night. when you write send
me J. Eddie's address if you
please, I think I will go
to the Hills tomorrow if it
is fine, we went for a ride
to New Hartford this afternoon
and have just come back. I
commenced to write in the morning
it is a lovely afternoon every
thing looked beautifully all the
spring flowers in full bloom.
write soon to your ever loving cousin

I cannot find a single care[illegible] so [illegible] better write to the Dyck and let them send the bill to me. Bertha is improving quite fast. [illegible] is [illegible]. I have called at Dick's [illegible] griff. Jones (Maria) came here yesterday & is helping. She inquired very kindly for you. [illegible] Evans [illegible]. Had a little visit with Laura last evening. She still stays where she was, but wants to get a more comfortable & a [illegible]. Mrs. Phil. Thomas spoke to me one evening in the village & said she supposed [illegible] but she knew [illegible] and wanted to inquire about her. She seemed to have much affection for you. She does not like [illegible] the [illegible]. All the friends inquire for you with much interest & affection (both of you). I intended to send this [illegible] evening but on reaching the village found this letter missing and here it lay in the study.

Dear Sister

[I] was very glad to get the belt, which I had missed very much. I supposed it was still in my trunk & that I had not given a sufficiently careful search. I am seated on the front stoop, and it is a little cold, as we are having a cold wave just now. Hope you will not take cold. Did you have a cold spell after that severe thunder storm? If it should become cold could you not hire or buy a small stove to be put up to wait for coal stove weather? I have just been writing to John. Hope I have not left it so long that he will fail to receive it on Wednesday. The

days slip by so fast. I have thus far stayed with Jane, coming up daytimes. Cousin M. M. has not come yet. When she & Annie were here or rather at Jane's a week ago Sunday, Annie told us that Lizzie & May with quite a number of the young people of the neighborhood were expecting to join the church there soon. There is a Christian Endeavor Soc. formed there recently R. P. Everett president. Mary Lizzie & May on committees. Have you seen the item in S. Herald of July 6th? — A young man who had been adopted I think by Morris Thomas died a few weeks since, after a short illness. He was working for Charlie when he was taken sick. He was a great favorite with all, especially the young people & his sudden death

Mrs. Richard is quite low. George brought her from [illegible] to his home the day after

that she can get some here. They will bring their milk [illegible] for water & wash this week. are waiting to finish hoping first.

made a great impression on all. Let us pray that deep through & lasting work may be done there.

David Price is very low. I called there with Jane the first time I came over the house, Friday morning. He then talked with us a little, said he was suffering much with his stomach. He was taken worse that night & has I think not been able to receive any company since.

We had a little call, from Mary Ann & her mother at Jane's, on Wednesday of last week. They came just before supper after which, as I had not gone down. Clara & Bertha [illegible] [illegible]. Jane & I accompanied them part way to the village. They both [illegible] well. We want to

go over some day after haying [illegible]. Jane is not feeling well. Her head troubles her and today her bowels. If she could have her rides she thinks she would be better. Bertha's shingles continue pretty sore, but look better today not so much inflamed. Hope you got the photographs today, also the family letter. I have this P. M. put out the things that were in the small hair trunk. Eddie's mother's. The embroidery on cashmere blanket is darkened a [illegible] d deal. Was it so? Other things have kept well and that except the discoloring.

Jane lent me a ribbon for a belt. [illegible]. They are most through haying. Frank & his brother George & another young man are there today. Much love to [illegible]

[illegible] from Mary H. E. –

Tues. morn. David Price died at 12 last night. Funeral at the house Thursday afternoon. [illegible] at Capel [illegible]

Remsen July 14/98
1.45 P.M.

Dear Ones All,

Here I am at Jane's seated by the little round table, Etta in a rocking chair in front of me, Clara at my side Bertha fanning Marion who is crowing on her mother's lap. Jane in the kitchen visiting with her brother William who drove down with Irving who has just graduated at Cazenovia Bertha & her mother with the baby came a week ago today, also Frankie. We think that Frankie & Bertha look much alike both thinner & taller than when we last saw them. both pretty. Clara has been out of school three weeks Has been visiting Mollie Mead at

~~Chr~~ [illegible]kill, came home last Sunday, she resigned her position at the Sem. as the care was quite wearing, and has accepted a position as Teacher in Mathematics at Gouverneur Sem., which is [^ Union School] still farther North. She thinks it a better position than the other, $500. without home or board. The other was $250. with home & board. Then at Gouverneur there is a chance of rising, & the preceptress has $800. Jane went with me to the home this forenoon & we opened the doors & windows. leaving the latter open while I came down here to dinner. I was much surprised to find the rooms smelling so sweet. No musty smell. On opening the drawers & chests there was a slade

small of course. Bertha sends
much love. Jane, Ella & the
rest send much love to all.
Jane says, Tell Eddie to come and
see us and bring his family. Ella
has not forgotten Aunt Maria's [illegible] to
send her Mamma's [illegible] [illegible].
I had such a good visit in
Utica & N. Y. Mills. Josie is just
able to sit up a very little, but is
gaining though slowly. The good
folks at Remsen were very cordial.
Will send this to the P.O.
with Irving. They are now
starting back to Trenton.

Much love to All

Mary H. E.

Home, Sept. 7, 1893

Dear Sister;

While my irons are heating, I sit in the arm chair in front of the stove with feet in oven & paper on my lap, chatting with you. It is showery today, so that fire feels good. ~~Have~~ Have only just built it though, 11 A. M. Yesterday was a lovely day & I washed; the first time for me ~~to~~ get the tubs, boiler, wringer &c out. Had washed a little at a time, before but this time went into it with zest & had a good time. Every thing came smoothly & I enjoyed it right well. Left a few

things on the grass, as they were not quite dry. Early this morning I heard a little rumbling of thunder & jumped & into my clothes pretty quick & ran out & snatched them off the grass. (They had dried in the night) also took in an old carpet that I had washed & put on the grass last Saturday & it was nice & dry. Yesterday besides washing I took in hand the garret window, puttied it last evening & set it in without fastening, thinking that we were to have settled pleasant weather now! and it would do till morning anyway. So throwing down my clean clothes I rushed up stairs. Patter, patter

same the large drops on the roof
as I hurried through the garret
& drove in a couple of nails as the
quickest way to secure the
window. The shower was
not severe after all, without
even wind enough to blow in
~~to blow in~~ that window so
loosely set in. It rains now
very gently with no electrical
display here. (thought I saw a
distant flash as I was starting)
was probably mistaken. Have turned
around & am seated on the hearth
with paper ~~on~~ chair. Guess what
I had for a week day dinner yesterday
Fried bacon, " onions, " egg, apple
sauce etc., & cucumbers (Jane keeps me in cucumbers) chocolate. Do you

or Birdseye I cannot remember which. Said she had been here to donation & I think another time. I remember her coming here, & she had two children perhaps 5 & 7 or thereabouts a girl & boy I think. Abby & her daughter walked with me on to the village & showed me where Mrs. Jones lived. She wanted me to call on her mother but I thought I had not time till finding no response to my rap at Mrs. J's door I went on with her & made a short call. Mrs. Douglass recognized me from father. Had a pleasant call then went to Mrs. Jones' & Tommie being near by he went around the back way & let me in. His mother was in when I called before but was busy in the yard & believe

or paying
- She has a nice place, happy
house. Front room & kitchen,
with two or three rooms up stairs
& a garden, rent $3. Pr. month. Is
there anything new about being
there. Must try in some way
to get the mail today. Haven't
had it since Tuesday morning,
& answered before coming home
Told you then about my visit at
Mrs. Jones'. Nothing new here since
Margaret went back Tues. evening
the frame etc.
she told me that Judson made
a Turkish lounge of an old sofa
bedstead and it was very nice.
He cut the cross pieces & made
new tongues to the mortices. The
freight of that with comforters &c
would be less than the couch
could cost before going. Lemuel
up there had made lounges in
the same way. Then took an old
tick & filled with straw. Still

if you think best to get that couch I am quite willing. I suppose the poor woman needs the money. We have a rope bedstead in the garret besides the one that is in long bedroom I dont know what to do with the spring cot that went to Saratoga It is in shed chamber. Probably give it to some one. The springs are good. Think I will close this as it rains but very little now, and if I go right away this can probably go on S.P. M. train. & I want you to have the . & also I want to see what Uncle Sam has for me. I have had my New York rubber boot, (the one that was leaking) & so can go comfortably. Have just had a splendid dinner two eggs! besides the other things, Good bye, ironing for today! Hurrah for the village! Hurrah for the mail! There may be a letter & I must not fail Very lovingly M.H.E.

a much better sash. — Had I better
ship the melodeon? When I went
to Trenton, opposite Mr. Birdsall's (or Birdsey's)
old home some ladies & children were
picking mint across the way.
& when I came up to them
one of them extended her hand
asking if this were not Miss
Everett, recognizing me from father
she said. "Ada Douglass" I exclaimed
She married a Mr. Birdsall (Is
that right, or is it Birdsey?) She
introduced me to her daughter
Miss Marguerite (pronounced like
the flower) aged 16. She has been
attending and expects to return
to Ossining Institute where Clara
Fuller teaches. She wants to study medicine
Abby inquired for her former teacher
& said she did enjoy those lessons
so much. The other lady was
Mrs. Watkins formerly Miss Birdsall

wonder that I did not get tired with my work? Am going to have potatoes & carrots, egg & cucumbers & fried pork today. Had dried beef for breakfast. I am taking good care of myself & think I am a good deal stronger than when I came home. Am so much out of doors, or as good as out of doors, it is most like camping out. Think I have puttied the worst window & will go over the rest as the weather will permit. I do not think we got to that window ~~two~~ years ago. One sash was quite poor, corners rounded with wear, so I went to shed chamber & found one with square corners,

433 W. 34th St. N.Y.
March 22, 1879

Dear Friends,

Thinking you might like to see a bit of Mary's writing I utilize this sheet that I found on the table. She is sleeping on the sofa so I am as good as alone. This is a dreary wet day and she has but a little while ago come in. She brought a large piece of fresh gingerbread and some molasses candy given her by the family of one of her patients. Last evening she had half a loaf of fresh home made bread and during the week two loaves came from different patients - We have found a very near bakery where we can get a loaf of bread

a cake of our own making, baked for let-a loaf, so we shall do nicely now. We have been baking a loaf once a week at Mrs. Jones'. It will be pleasanter not to trouble her. She is very kind & she often asks for you all by name - and speaks with pleasure of her visit up there.

I am sorry you sent the butter to D. W. Lewis. Did you not have Ambler's address. The card is I think in the little red-box in the study bureau. Let us know as you progress with the other tub if you wish us to try to sell it - Will not William be able to get some money from his father soon, now that they are selling spring butter? It must be unpleasant for him to feel so short. I wish Anna you had more so that the bills need

not trouble you, When Eddie begins
to collect I hope it will be better
if not, we must get some some-
where and pay everybody, Have
Laura and Caroline said a word
about paying for that bed? They
promised it during the winter,
What little have you to pay April 1?
Ought I to send John Eddie some
to pay his way home? I have
just written to brother Eddie, Had
a letter from him this morning,
He speaks well of John Eddie, I
am glad he is such a good boy,
and I hope we will be able give
him a good chance again in
school. - Mary feels more encouraged
about Sarah tho' she does not weigh
so much as you! Does she take
Phos. Mary thinks that should be
taken in water faithfully for her
hoarseness. Mary asks does she lose
the pitch while singing? Write again.

[illegible]ticularly and persevere all of you with oranges. You ought to finish that box and have another before the season is over. Ask Wm. if they do not save on Kinp=ing's medicine. How many had you just eaten, Anna, before being weighed? Do they keep nicely.

We got a German Student-lamp day before yesterday and find it such a comfort. We had only a side lamp before and it did not give good light. Our lamp is nickel - large size and is just lovely as graceful & pretty as you please. I would like to know where Sara's hoarseness sticks & if it is worse towards evening & mornings, also if in singing she loses the pitch as professional singers do. I am afraid I am spoiling Fannie's good letter but she will not scold. Do you know who wrote this?

433 W. 34th St. N.Y.
April 10th 1881

Dear Sisters;

Jennie's letter of the 8th came this morning just after P. E. had started to School. He has just returned now, 2 P. M. & is eating his lunch. He says there is but one more jar of goodies in the cellar! & the news has filled me with consternation! as we have enjoyed them so much. Last week we had the jar of pineapple which made a very nice change. It is hard to tell which has been the nicest.

Lobster, ~~but~~ I had asked J. E. to get some that morning but at the time he forgot it & there was so little time that we failed. Jamie or Robbie said they had Lobster & I think Salmon in the village If so I think you had better get some. I have become very fond of Lobster. with vinegar & salt. I think Anna would like it.
I send Jennie some Anacardium. Take 3 ~~K~~ doses (pellets) during 24 hours & then wait. at 3, 5, & at bedtime are good times I think. Must go & make calls now & finish after coming in. Dont worry about me. I am better. Have no place to go to yet but J. E. says I am going to Moves-

some for our flying visitors of last week. It seemed good I assure you, to see them if only for a little while. Did they reach home comfortably? I suppose you got your trunk all right. Perhaps I ought to have kept it for John Eddie as Jane had a shawl strap which might have served her purpose. but at the moment I thought it would be a convenience for them & that you would like to have it & the things in it. Your letter asking us to send sardines came after they started. I had intended to send some also some salmon and

saw the Dr. father's letter.
He said he did not think it
would be safe for Sarah to
go now he wished to [illegible] her
go as soon as she could, and
would do so. He said he
would write to Father.
Sarah is improving very
fast now, has been for
the past week especially.
On the afternoon of the 4th.
we with five or three
other patients and friends,
went to an Indian enter-
tainment. The fee was 25 cts
for each. it was very interest-
ing. There were 4 [illegible]
chiefs from several nations
dressed in the true Indian
style. and the war dances
tomahawks, scalping, and all
did not exactly [illegible]
nerves, [illegible]

My letter from Miss Eastman a school friend who [illegible]
I had just a circular, and Sarah's was from [illegible]. She is at [illegible]
The handy one of our patients [illegible]. She is nice
recently very sick, of [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Sarah [illegible]
her likeness.
She has not
[illegible]

enough the next evening
to go and see an exhibition
of fire works, three quarters
of a mile from here.
We walked there and
back and stayed nearly
two hours seated on a
rail by the roadside.
It rained on the fourth
so the fireworks were
deferred till the fifth.
Sarah was very tired,
but is nicely rested by
this morning. Her bowels
have pained her but
little this week. Some
yesterday, better today —
We do not dissipate
so every day, but the 4th
of July does not come every
day you know. Dr. thought
it would be good for Sarah
to get accustomed to things
of a thrilling nature. He

[illegible] with us. My health is improving. We received
the two letters in which Father [illegible] added many thanks
for the two words "All well."

Lis you darling.— I am sitting in Father's ~~rocking~~ chair in his study and I just wish you were here sitting on the arm of the same, so we could talk it all over.— We are all very sorry that you are having such a tough time, but I will venture to predict that those naughty little fellows will soon be ~~with~~ among your best friends. You managed them capitally. The other day our "baby" was very naughty when Grandpa was reading &c. so much so that I thought it necessary to give him a littl. slap and then put him on the bed to sleep. He cried, and screamed a little and then went to sleep. When he woke I went to him, changed his dress &c. and said as I often do, "Do you love me now"? "Ah" said he "How much"? "Two bushels," and I loved you two bushels then"! "When" said I a little surprised. "When you

let me lie on the bed." was the reply. Even so my sister I shouldn't wonder if that little Adriel loved you even when you punished him. Dont be discouraged, if he don't show it yet. Boys are queer creatures. but you will get along with them if you dont worry too much.- We send you some medicine which you may imagine coming with the Dr's. blessing and ours. and with a good spicing of the Dr's. jolly good nature along with it.- We will try to remember to send a vial with your trunk. Do you continue to make yourself comfortable with what clothes you have? Do you keep your _feet_ dry and warm. How do you get along with your washing We are getting along quite comfortably with Em.

Good bye with love to you and Eddie

In haste

Mary.-

Rome Sept 17.

Dear Sir;

Your letter came today. We should have been gladder to see you, and were sorry for the cause of the change in the programme, but it [illegible] consoled us a good deal. The enclosed letter was so very well written and so much to the point that I rather thought best for me to add nothing to it as [illegible] feeling very well today [illegible] good. If this brings no return, I will

take my time and write some few things that are on my mind. I hope now my dear that you will let your mind rest now as much as you can so far as this matter is concerned cheer up and be as happy as possible. This is a bright cheerful world after all if there are trials mixed with the blessings. "Taking the years together my dear there's no more cloud than sun." I mailed your letter tonight took it down myself and then went to the store and bought some flannel for a night dress for Anna which is cut out also some for wrappers and drawers which

is not out-out. left it soon
to get this ready to send to
the Office tomorrow morn
when Mr. Evans takes his
cow to pasture.
Now about your coming
down. I dont at all like the
[illegible] to see the machine
especially as I know you
care much more for
them than I do. as I dread
a crowd so much. Our folks
have all gone tonight
except Anna and [illegible].
I think you had better [illegible]
to get the [illegible] machine
at any rate and [illegible]
you like about staying [illegible]
of [illegible].
I wish very much I could
have a talk with you [illegible]
making arrangements about

[illegible] coming winter. I ought to decide what I will [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] get along at home if we all three should leave them? better than with us perhaps you will say, well maynot if we were all well, but I do think we will have to have some change this winter. I wish you could be here to go with me to look at the rooms if we think of taking them. Mother did not seem to think very favorably of it as she thought the rent was so high. If I do not do that or some thing of the kind I think I will write to Mrs. Fogin and try to get a place in her office for a little while. ~~I you~~ Good bye now accept a great deal of love from Anna & Mary.

New Braunfels
Feb 18, [illegible]

Dear Susie:

Thank you for your kind letter, and Mother for hers. We [illegible] of the right stamps till [illegible] what we wanted to have. We are glad you are all progressing so finely. Hope the Donation Bill [illegible] all right. Wonder if this storm will put it off for another week. Tell Papa not to make himself sick, and the

rest of you please
remember the same
thing — Ethel is I
think doing well, as
well as we could expect.
Last week Mr. Thomas gave
him but little treatment,
said he wanted to give
the system a chance to
throw off the morbid
matter with boils &c.
He appeared to gain for
several days. Saturday
and Sabbath [illegible]
he was more flighty
and willful. He has
been walked some
since then and has
been much better
yesterday and [illegible].
Is better today than

yesterday quite comfortable had a [illegible] this morning. His great difficulty now is his appetite. If he can control that Dr says he will get along nicely if not the chances are against him. I do feel so anxious about this, for I know if we cannot succeed in overcoming this, he cannot get well.— His system is weak and shattered, but he appears to [illegible] and he will and we feel confident he can [illegible] this—

~~[illegible]~~ Wednesday. Robert is better both in mind and body than

before I [illegible] Pies were
[illegible] pack. [illegible] seemed
much better with his
appetite last night &
this morning. O, I do
hope [illegible] I still think he
will get well. Most
we have cause for
gratitude! — He slept
last night from the
first sound till 4½
in the morning then
woke up and could hardly
[illegible]
awake but a little
while. This is the best
he has slept at all.
Feels stronger this morning,
~~[illegible]~~, and he is taking
more exercise a good deal
than usual — I am feeling
pretty well

Mary.

Dear Sir. Get some [illegible]
[illegible] make plasters of that
and flour and cayenne
pepper and put on the
inside of joints of the arms,
also the knees and
elbows, and on the lower
part of the bowels, clear
across. It will not blister.
Excellent for hysteria.
[illegible] long also. Can [illegible]
[illegible] it? I should think
it would be well to take
[illegible] again. When you are

[illegible] in a com-
fortable position and fold
your hands as Mother
does often interlacing
the fingers. You thus [illegible]
up an electric current
and the equilibrium is
restored. I think it would
be well for Jennie to [illegible]
thus every night for a [illegible]
or two for that exhaustion
then she might get more
[illegible] and take the [illegible]
Thank Pa ever so much
for the draft. I was not
in need of money [illegible]
may be glad to [illegible]
begin to make purchases
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sat P. M.

Dear Sister;

Your card rec'd. I send Kali Carb. for Sarah's cough. It has an early Morning cough 2—3. affects right lung lower lobe. Pneumonia. &c. I hope it may help her if her strength is not exhausted before it reaches you; Give China occasionally for exhaustion. also a dose of Sulph. now & then. I do so wish that I might be with you.

I trust you will all be sustained & that the dear one may be spared suffering as much as possible. We can pray with perfect confidence to the Great Physician to care for him & also to give us needful wisdom & counsel.

Lovingly

Mary

For Sifrie.

Lissie dear,

I wrote a line [illegible] this morning [illegible] and [illegible] you [illegible] [illegible] I must send her a longer one [illegible]. Do you believe they [illegible] glad [illegible] back. they [illegible] just [illegible] if they [illegible] [illegible] enough [illegible] [illegible] I wonder what you [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are you [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] head [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

Mon. Morn.

167 W. 34 St.

Dear Anna & Cynthia;

Will you forgive me for not answering your letters sooner? Last week I had a very sick patient, was afraid I should lose her & consequently did not sleep much for two nights. She is much better now though she will I fear ultimately succumb to the ravages of Consumption. She had a severe attack of congestion of the lungs & as her lungs have been troubling her for years I felt much

solicitude. I think now
she will rally from
this attack. I was able
to sit up some
yesterday.
Now for yourselves. I
am so sorry that Anna
had that fall. Arnica
is the best thing for
it still I think. Aconi.
was just the thing at
first. Arnica may
relieve that pain in
stomach. It does for
me. Carbo veg. does
sometimes. Cham. if
windy. Carbo veg. if St.
is acid. Capsicum is good.
You might take the Cayenne
itself, a little on the point
of a knife. Write me
again how it is.

Sis had better
take another dose
of Plat. How good
she is to confess
her shortcomings.
Have courage dear
you will come out
all right bye & bye.
I enjoy my class more
& more.
Good bye, accept
love from your
hurried sister
Mary.

Dear Sisters:

... Goodbye ...

... Farewell.

Hastily Mary.

Home Med ...

You would be surprized would you step in here for a moment. ... kitchen floor is nicely painted with oil ... and also the hall through which you can ... as we kept it locked till perfectly hardened. The kitchen is bridged over of course. As you leave the bridge you will land in a carpeted room. O, ever so grand!! the floor of which received this additional coat yesterday and for the purpose of making and putting on which I have remained at home this

long, should otherwise have
taken the morning train
Brown. Seeing me here would
be another of your surprises!
he made the carpet Bloomers.
It seemed that I could
not leave with all this
Mobbing on their hands.
the front hall is also
bridged over but if you
should step on the bridge
and look out of the front
door you would see a hamlet
stoop, then should you
attempt to go aloft, you
would see some hundred
stairs with a long bridge
running up it with
cleats (how do you spell that
word) across for the accommoda-
tion of foot passengers. The
space between them is so
[illegible] that the travel there[illegible]

is quite difficult, ~~and~~ so much
so that Sammy says that it
would not do for him to go
sparking nights this way"
as he could not come in
quietly, and it would be so
much trouble to [illegible]
in [illegible] dark. Another surprise
and a sad one Jennie will
tell you about, don't feel too
bad about it Irma dear,
we can replace the loss you
know. Jennie has grieved a
good deal over her mishap.
Our friends and neighbors
have had three nights
frost, but we were
slighted for which we are
thankful though it was a
disappointment.
Did you get the letter
that I wrote you in the
[illegible] and I mailed in Ithaca?

I found that putting up my
Medicines was going to be a
longer job than I expected
will have to remain a day
or two in Utica on my way
down. Am putting my vials
up in square paper collar
boxes. Wish I was near
enough to beg some more
[illegible].
The paint is all dry in the
house. First coat was put on
Monday. We have been
ever so glad to have you
out of the way while all
this was going on. It would
have been so bad for Anna
but all will be right in
a day or two now I think
then you know you will
be welcome. No letter from Sis yet

163. E. 32 St. N.Y.

Dear Sis;

I think Jennie may feel complimented by the mistake about that letter, for it was very good and well written. Your last and Mother's was gladly rec'd on Sat. eve.

Lizzie got over her diarrhea attack quite soon, but her breast has continued to trouble her. and I think it will break soon if it has not done so already. You will see by the date of this that I am again in

the asylum that received me last spring. I had become so reduced that I could do nothing more for Lizzie, especially as the allopathic element had become so strong. Perhaps I might have held on a little longer if harmony had prevailed, but as it was, and as I had got down to 105 lbs. which you know is pretty light for me, I concluded to come over to P. G. for a few days to recruit. Came here yesterday (Mon) afternoon. Am feeling a little stronger, but pretty tired. Would feel much better if my anxiety in regard to Lizzie were relieved. I can only pray for her which I do every hour of the day. –

this has been a very hard trial for me, and I don't know where it will end. it is my most earnest prayer that Lizzie may be spared. She is quite feeble, and her breast was nearly ready to break when I left yesterday. Dr. Bennett (the one who prescribed for the baby) was in yesterday and wished to lance it but she was unwilling. I trust it may have broken by this morning, as she dreads the lancing. — I should not have left Lizzie, had I not felt that it would do her no good at all for me to remain and my own health imperatively demanded it. — I don't feel quite ready to go home yet, and if Lizzie should not

recover. it seems to me that I could not go home I should wish to stay till I had completed my course, and earned a reputation at least. — One thing I feel sure of I will never have any responsibility in another case unless I can have it wholly my own, or without the privilege of calling my own counsel if I choose, which was denied me here. — Lizzie got along nicely so long as I had her myself. — I fear mother will think that I am too impetuous as she usually does, but in this case I have tried to let reason rule entirely as it is too serious a matter to allow personal feelings to influence one any way. — I have endeavored to be strictly conscientious, but perhaps I have erred. Good bye now, pray for me all of you, and for Lizzie that the hand of affliction may be raised. Write soon. Direct to me here. Accept love from
May.

Sister Sis.

I will get your lace dashing one of these days. Should have got it before had I not been so very busy but blame yourself dear. You know your state of health makes you feel that great desire to do such a wonderful amount of work just when you are least able to perform it. and there are a great many like you. I am, myself, but have learned, that when I have that dreadful <u>pressure</u> of business the best thing I can do is just to lie down & take it easy, ~~ease~~, and if I can't take

it easy, take it as easy as I can". Just let the world take care of itself for a little while. I had to laugh at your description of the many things you wanted to when you came home from Plyn. It was just as I have felt hundreds of times, but do not so much now as I grow stronger.

I should like to hear from you soon again so as to be able to judge whether it will be best to send you something more.

Please excuse my miserable scrawl. Am writing as fast as I can. Too bad isn't it.

"With love & twenty-kisses,
Your ever loving Sister
Mary. -

[illegible] Dear [illegible]

[illegible]

You would be surprised
would you step in here this moment
[illegible] kitchen. There is meat hanging
with [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
as we [illegible] perfectly
[illegible] the kitchen [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] you will [illegible] in a completed
[illegible] [illegible]!!! [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] received this
additional coal yesterday and
[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
and [illegible] things [illegible] which I [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Good bye [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] things [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Farewell.
[illegible] Mary.

[illegible] should the winds have
blown the rain [illegible]
[illegible] Seeing me here would
be another of your surprises. It
has made the earliest Blessing.
It seemed that I could
not learn with all these
helping on their hands.
The front Hall is also
bridged over so that if you
should step on the bridge
[illegible]
then you would see a similar
step, then should you
attempt to go aloft, you
would see some handsome
stairs with a long bridge
running up it with
steps ([illegible] that
[illegible]) serving for the accommoda-
tion of foot passengers. The
[illegible] there [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]

is quite difficult, ~~and~~ so much
so that Tommy says that it
would not do for him to "go
spanking quickly this way"
as he could not come home
quickly, and it would be so
much [illegible]

[illegible] dark. Another surprise
and a sad one Jennie will
tell you about. don't feel too
bad about it Anna dear as
we can replace the loss you
know. Jennie has grieved a
good deal over her mistake.
Our friends and neighbors
have had their nights
frost. but we were
slighted for which we are
thankful though [illegible]
disappointment.
Did you get the letter
that I wrote to you in the
depot and mailed in Utica?

I found that putting up my
Materials was going to be a
longer job than I expected
[illegible] have to remain a day
or two in Ithaca or my
[illegible] After putting my [illegible]
up in square bundles [illegible]
papers. Wish I could [illegible]
enough to [illegible]
[illegible]

The paint is all dry in the
house. First coat was before
Monday. We have been
[illegible] glad to have [illegible]
out of the way while about
this was going on. I would
have been [illegible] the time
but all will be right in
a day or two now I think
[illegible] know [illegible]
[illegible] letter [illegible] is not

Mon. Morn.

167 W. 34 St.

Dear Anna & Cynthia;

Will you forgive me for not answering your letters sooner? Last week I had a very sick patient. Was afraid I should lose her & consequently did not sleep much for two nights. She is much better now though she will I fear ultimately succumb to the ravages of consumption. She had a severe attack of congestion of the lungs & as her lungs have been troubling her for years I felt much

[illegible] I think now
she will rally from
this attack. I was able
to sit up some
yesterday.

Now for yourselves. I
am so sorry that Anna
had that fall. Arnica
is the best thing for
it still I think. Iron
was just the thing at
first. Arnica may
relieve that pain in
stomach. It does for
me. Carbo veg. does
sometimes. Chamomilla
[illegible]. Carbo veg. if it
is acid. Capsicum is good.
You might take the bryonia
also if a little in the [illegible]
[illegible] knee. Write me
again how it is.

This has better
take another class
of Plant. Then you
she is to confess
her shortcomings.
Than courage dear
you will come out
all right bye & bye.
I enjoy my class more
& more.
Good bye, accept
love from your
hurried sister
Mary.

[illegible] Oct. [illegible]4.

Dear El[illegible]

I regret that I have not written before, but my time has been so much occupied by my studies and the college that I have deferred it almost till the last moment. I am quite well and enjoy myself very much in studying. The Seminary buildings are large and commodious, situated on a rising knoll about a quarter of a mile from the pleasant little village of H. The scenery around is beautiful. The school is prosperous— It is now half past [illegible] and I must take this to the post-office of before six; so you see I have not time to write much. Write soon. Tell Cynthia I want to hear from her. With love to all I ~~rem~~ remain your affectionate sister — Mary.

Mary H. Everett

No 1

CGP.
11|27|[illegible]

Miss Elia Fish
Lyons
Bear Co.
N. Y.

[illegible] June 24th [illegible]

[illegible] Cousin

[illegible]

and I [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in better [illegible]

[illegible] health [illegible]

[illegible]

361 W. [illegible]

[illegible] 26. 18[illegible]

H. N. Martin M.D.
Phila. Pa.

Your kind favor
is just rec'd and acknowledged with
gratitude. — Words of sympathy and
considerate encouragement are
doubly prized at this early stage of
our progress.

There are advantages to be had at
the older colleges which the newer
ones cannot offer as yet, and of
which we would like to avail
ourselves, still we must be patient
make the best possible use of those
privileges which are within our reach,
and "With a heart for any fate,
still achieving, still pursuing,

learn to labor and to wait."

I should greatly enjoy your summer course I am sure, as I desire exceedingly to obtain a better understanding of Hom. Mat. Medica and of its clinical use. —

Our Commencement passed off nicely. 10 graduates.

With thanks for your kindness, I am Yours very respectfully,

Mary H. Smith.

H. M. Marfin M.D.

153 M[illegible] St.
New York Oct 11th/77

Mr. [illegible]arlin

Dear Sir,

Father's bust came last evening and we are very much pleased. You have certainly taken a great deal of pains, for which we are truly grateful. The execution altogether is, as father would say, "Most excellent." I cannot stop to particularize, except to say that the eyes could not be better. The slight droop of right eye, as was usual with him in deep thought, is as near perfection as can be. The expression also, and

The hair ^here should all ... towards the right. Up first, then to the right. The second cowlick which I mentioned was on the left side, ^from the first ~~above~~ the part, the hair here turning ~~back~~ ... & down, ~~but it~~ It disturbed the part, but did not show when the hair was first combed as it is here. I I do not know as you can better ^the hair it here if you try. The dip above line would like changed if it can easily be done also where it comes too low in center of forehead, & the mark on lip. also shirt studs if easily done,

indeed all of it — with a very few exceptions. There is a mark on the upper lip, right side, which we cannot account for. There might have been a temporary sore, but nothing permanent. Can that be remedied? He was in the habit latterly of wearing medium sized, white pearl studs in shirt front, two to show. Can they be put in? If not, no matter, as many times he did not have them, that is formerly. I do not suppose they showed in the vignette, or the other models. The hair on top of the head would be more natural if it did not dip down in the middle. One puff on top, (highest in centre)

rather than two. ~~There~~
~~is it comes be, not so heavy.~~
~~You have given him~~
~~rather more hair than~~
~~he had & it is a little too~~
~~curly, but that is not bad,~~
~~as it was easily thrown~~
~~into any kind of puff.~~ The
dip in the middle gives an
impression of weight, &
the ~~two~~ puffs make the top of
head look a little too
square. Could they be
lowered, and the
centre elevated a little?
The hair comes a trifle
too low, on the forehead, in the
middle, and the cowlick
(which is perfect, so far as
it goes) should extend to
the left, next to the part.
(~~half way from middle to part~~)

433 W. 34th St.
Jan 8th 1881

Postmaster James,

Dear Sir;

I am a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Everett, of Remsen, Oneida Co. New York, whose likeness you may possibly recognize in the Memoir which my nephew John Edward Everett will show you. The Memoir was published by the daughters of the family, & for this & other books, formerly published by Father we are frequently in receipt of Post Office Orders from the Welsh settlements throughout the States. — We requested them

sent to the oldest sister
Jennie Everett, & to be made
payable at Station E. New
York City. Sometimes they
come to the General Office.
In November Jennie went home
to Remsen for an indefinite
stay, leaving the P.O. orders
for us to forward to her for
re=transferring to myself or
nephew for cashing here.
Nov. 17 an Order for $3.10 was
sent to her to Remsen, but
made payable at New York General Office.
This she sent to our nephew
John Edw. Everett, & though
he forgot to state from
whom it came, the young
man thought he would try
& get it cashed. The clerk
very rightly refused to cash it
saying at the same time that
another party had presented

an Order, stating that Jennie Everett was dead!
Now the question, how any one outside the family could come in possession of a P.O. Order made payable to Jennie Everett without fraudulently opening a letter addressed to her. & what Motive could one have in asserting that she was dead. Her letters come addressed to 433 W. 34th St. New York.
Will you please have the matter investigated? In connection with this I would mention the lost letter of Sept. 7th containing a $5. bill, which Jennie wrote and deposited herself in the inside letter box at Station E. about 7 P. M. Sept 7th 1880
All our enquiries concerning

it have been futile. –
The P.O. order affair
may ~~through~~ throw light on
this.

Yours very Resp'y
Mary H. Everett
433 W. 34th St.

I decided not to send the
reply but to copy it. He says
"the order was first presented
by a man who represented himself
as the brother of [illegible] Everett
who he said was dead.
As he could not get the
order cashed, he probably
re-enclosed it in an envelope
& sent it to her." Have
you preserved the envelope
in which the Columbus
order was sent. & was
it from N.Y. or Columbus
Good bye. Much love.

230 W. 33d St.
N.Y. Jan 24/80

Dear Dr;

Yours of Sept. 26 is just rec'd. It seems that it came just as I was coming to N.Y. but before my arrival, by some mistake the book & letter were forwarded to Remsen. The book was returned to me, but the letter, by another mistake was mislaid. A few days since my sister came across it

unopened among a pile of letters which had been laid aside. I supposed you had not deigned me any ~~reply~~ notice except to hand my order to the publisher, for which I thank you sincerely.

It really seems better to be scolded a little than not to be noticed at all — You say it is ten years since you loaned me the books, I hardly realized that it was so long. During those ten years, ten members of our family (all adults but

one) have passed over the river; among them Father, Mother, three sisters & one brother.
You say you did not expect to see the books again. There you misjudged me, for one principle was carefully instilled into minds. & that was to use borrowed articles carefully and return them in as good condition as when received. The keeping of them has troubled me much, but I can add nothing more to my excuse. Are they injured any? I observed

some blots, but do not know whether they were there when I received them. I am ready to make any reparation in my power, if injury has been done. Have never been able to read them much owing to circumstances already mentioned. Am thankful that the Judge of all the earth knows all.

Trusting that you and family are well & prospering I remain

Yours sincerely
Mary A. Everett

New York
April 24/85

Dear Doctor,

Will you kindly send me the receipt for the eight dollars ($8.00) paid you on Wed. eve. to make up Benefit deficit? As you are usually so prompt in business affairs, I think this must have slipped your mind!

Yours sincerely
Mary H. Everett
Treas.

Osawatomie, Kansas
March 6, 1890.

To Cousin Ella;

Sweet Holiday Present,
A dear baby boy!—
His Mama's rich treasure,
His Papa's great joy,
And sisters' own darling,—
This gift of God's love,
This pure priceless gem, from
His garner above.—

What fond hopes are clustering
Around the wee lad,
Which quicken the pulses
And make ~~the~~ our hearts glad.—
His Mama thinks how she
May lean on his arm
In his strong early manhood
How he'll shield her from harm

And he to his sisters
Kind escort and guide,
And to all of his loved ones
Their champion, their pride.
His Father's companion,
A noble young Man,
With a kind heart, and will to
Do good as he can.—

Then, tenderly clasping
In clinging embrace
She notes each soft curve of
The fair dimpled face
And sings, O, so gently,
Some lullaby air,
"O, God, bless my babes," is
Her hearts earnest prayer—

Little Sisters' eyes dance as
They kiss baby brother
And they say, "O, how nice
Us girls and for mother,

Bye and bye, he'll grow bigger
And then he can play
And he'll be tall as Papa,
O, won't he, some day?"

Blest parents so loving,
And sweet sisters three,
You must all be as happy
As happy can be,
With hearts full of pleasure
O'erflowing with joy,
As you gather around him
Your own precious boy.—

May Heavens' choicest blessings
Encircle you all,
In lifes' devious paths may
No evil befall
Our divine Elder Brother
Be Safeguard and Guide,
Till on reaching His home
You may with him abide
Mary H. Everett

Osawatomie, Ks. March 11/10

Mr. Wm. B Kilee,

Sir;

The Abstract of Title to land of Chas. W. Barnett on which sister Jennie has Mortgage for $1000. drawn Jan. 1st has not been received. Trust you have not been ill. Sister has not been well. The threatened necessity for disposal of Davidson loan troubled her, and she has feared that in her perplexity, she wrote in such a way, as to ~~put~~ you to inconvenience. This she would be very sorry to do. Please let me hear from you. As she is an invalid and under my care, I am anxious to have her mind relieved. Thanking you ~~for~~ promptness hitherto I remain

Yours truly

M. H. Everett

Osawatomie Ks, Mch 22
/90

Mr. Wm B. Tiler
Ottawa, Kansas
Sir,

Yours of the 15th inst with partial abst C. H. Burnett loan $ 1000. duly rec'd for which we thank you. As you had written Jan 4th, "I will send abst later" we were naturally expecting it, but this is entirely satisfactory and having confidence in your integrity we trust your word that all is right

Very Sincerely
M. H. Everett

Remsen, N. Y. July 11, 1806

My Dear Niece;

I was so very thankful for your letter and Robert's; which came more than a week ago! and they have been in my mind ever since, though my letter-writing faculties have seemed to be on the wane of late, cards being more in evidence. I hope you had my card, acknowledging your letters, also my letter sent to the General Office before yours came to me. I hope you are comfortably settled by this time, and that you have been able to get help with the washing &c. How is it with the colored woman who used to help you in that line? It is such a help to have a lift with the heavier jobs. It seems good to think of you being all together, that is all but the Father of the family, who must be "all alonesome" as Eva (now Elizabeth) used to say. out in that western region, but if we all try to make the best of it, "All things will work together for good" in the end. It is such a comfort to know that Our Father knows it all and he sympathizes with us and can help us through. Does Howard continue his reporting on the Journal,

and does he still enjoy it? Did the job as Timekeeper on Railroad fall through, or is it still in prospect? I think Howard shows commendable energy in seeking something remunerative to do, does he not? How did Maidee succeed in Eureka? Do her eyes trouble her still? Is she stronger than when in College? & is she at home now? I must reply to Robert's letter soon, if not in this. He is a nice correspondent. Is not this Margaret's birthday? 8 years old. I can hardly realize that she is such a big girl. Four years ago today we came to this house. I think it was the 11th & not the 10th. The rosebushes in front of the house were in bloom then, and they did look so pretty, and cheering. One bush, the dark red one, nearest the parlor windows, to the left of the path, has been in bloom ~~about~~ over a week & is now fading; the one opposite, on the right of the path, with pink roses, is just showing how pretty it can be, but will not bloom so freely as the ~~dark~~ red one. The two near the sidewalk, are smaller and will hardly give us a rose this year. They are lighter, one almost white. They were not so well covered last winter with the warm white mantle as were those nearer the house, and so do not thrive so well this summer.

I do not know what to advise as to buying a house in Topeka. There are a good many things to consider. It would be very nice to have the amount paid for rent go towards securing a home, especially if there were probability that you could remain to educate the children, and if it would be all clear gain. How are the taxes in Topeka. Brother John's were very high. But perhaps ministers are not taxed. They are not here. Father was exempt, but as soon as he was gone, Mother was assessed. It seemed hard in her old age and bereavement, but such was the law. Does one become responsible for taxes as soon as the first payment is made? Then repairs are to be considered. In buying a house one wants to be sure that much of that would not be called for right away. We had to commence shingling the first day after entering, and the expense of repairing has been very great. If you buy, look sharp to the condition of the premises. Is the cellar damp or dry? How is the roof? Are the rooms in such shape as to be convenient, and as you wish to have them remain? Is the location convenient to the schools, so that car fares would be at a minimum? I think

you are convenient to Mr. Sheldon's church, where you are now, Is it not nice to be in the same block as you were, and near old acquaintences and friends! Much less lonely than if you were in an entirely different part of the city. Your rent, it seems is two dollars more than, in the other house. Is it a larger house and more convenient? Is there any garden? and did those that were there before you, leave anything growing for you? When we came here we had a few potatoes, peas, beets, raspberries &c ready for us, and as the man said he could not take his garden with him! I have not written to discourage you at all, but to give you the benefit of my experience and observations. Must leave my letter to Roberts for another time, with my love to him, to the little 8 year old girl, and you all. I was 8 years old when we first came to Steuben.

Farewell, farewell, please write soon to your loving

Your rent does not seem high for a city.

Aunt Mary.

A copy of this is sent to Rev. [illegible] Jones June 4, 1907

Remsen, N. Y. June 4, 1907

Rev & Mrs. J. T. Jones,

My Dear Friends,

In justice to Myself, to the memory and strict teaching of my wise and ~~precious~~ faithful Mother, as well as to yourselves, it seems to me that an explanation should be given in regard to the moving of the gooseberry bushes, which I fear has given additional offence, as I can think of no other cause. A little more than a year ago, when you and I, Candace, were together viewing our little Estate here, you requested me to move my gooseberry bushes, giving as a reason, that they were trespassing on your land. As the bushes were in bud, or in bloom, at the time, we decided together to leave them, for

the time being, in hopes of some fruit during the summer, but I kept it in mind, from that time, and during the winter, to move them as soon as the spring should come. - I was twice disappointed in my help this spring, so that my chance for attending to this matter, was delayed till the help had again come, but on the first day that my help came, I had him remove the bushes, even at the risk of serious injury to them and the almost certainty of destroying my chance of fruit for this season. This was on the day you returned from Pennypacker's. I went over to Whitfield Jones' to borrow his crowbar, in order to see where the line should be, (saying nothing of course, of the use to be made of it,) and by placing it in line, found that the largest bush, on the North end of the row, was really trespassing on your ~~leased~~ land. I then decided to divide the roots, leaving what was on your land, for you to place where you chose,

and, then move the other part entirely out of your way. But Mr. Morturse did not seem able to make that arrangement, and swung it over into the the row ~~with the others~~ where the others were to be placed. Although I wished and intended to leave a part on your land, I did not feel condemned for moving it entire, as I did not suppose you considered it yours. When we first came here, Mary Evans explained to me that that row of gooseberries was ours, and the currants and raspberries theirs. and to that arrangement we were both loyal, also those ~~that~~ who came after them. It thus had always ~~seemed~~ to me that they were ours without a question ~~the~~ and that this particular bush was ~~consequently~~ ~~was~~ ~~to~~ be moved with the rest. — It has now occurred to me that possibly you may have not remembered your request of ~~your~~ the ~~shrine~~ (of last ~~year~~ spring 1906, for removal), and that you had perhaps considered that part of the bush which was really trespassing on your land, as yours. If you had this view

of the case, it must have seemed strange to you to have move it entire onto my land. If it appears to you in that light, I would be glad to make amends, either for you to take it entire, or for me to pay you for the part that was on your land.

The question, so far as I am concerned, is not whether you needed or cared for the bush, as you said you had plenty, and did not care for it, but whether your request of last spring justified me in removing it out of your way.

No one is willing to be imposed upon even to the amount of a pin, and I would be very loth to subject you to such a trial. Mother used to tell us of a saying of Dr. Watts' "He that would steal a pin, would steal a greater thing;" and I was so strictly taught in this matter, that I could no sooner take an apple from under another's tree without permission, (except in case of suffering as the deciples in the corn,) than I would take the entire tree.

Now, what shall I do? A square deal all around, is all I want, & I am ready to repair wherever I may have

(5.)

trespassers if I have done so.

I have endeavored to have the bushes moved so far in, on my part, that a little ash path towards the line, well trodden down may prove a barrier against interference on either side, as any adventurous upshoot may thus easily be seen and uprooted.

Another thing of which I may as well speak now, when my new sidewalk was nearly completed, Whitefield Jones took a measurement as to its length, and found it two inches short, that is, instead of being Fifty ft long as my deed calls for, it is 49 ft 10 inches. I do not know on which end the discrepancy is, possibly a little on each, I cannot tell, but if we can ever find out, I will be glad to pay my part of the expense of the new walk adjoining mine. As we were none of us here when the old walks were laid, it is hard to tell now, when the error was first made, but I wish to do what is right. Very sincerely your friend

Mary H. Eckett

The "Capel Ucha" Congregational S. School, at Steuben, N.Y. Sends Greeting To The S. School of the Welsh Congregational Church at Granville, N.Y.

Dear Friends;

We listened to your modest appeal with much interest, and now send Two Dollars ($2.00) to aid you in fulfilling the obligation which you have so nobly undertaken. We would gladly have increased the amount, but our school is small.

Wishing you abundant success, and trusting that the "Glory of the Lord" will fill the New Sanctuary we remain.

Yours in Sympathy
"Capel Ucha" S. School.
In behalf of the school

Mary H. Everett.
Supt.

Remsen N.Y.
Sept 27, 1907.

(Turned

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

× 2 Nos [illegible] [illegible]

× 1/1 " [illegible] [illegible] (Postal)

1/1 " [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] pamphlet [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] ([illegible])

× [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Circular.

Those marked with a cross

are those that you returned

The [illegible] Circulars and some

others I think are in a paper box in

the trunk. The pamphlets [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] I think [illegible] [illegible] except 2 Nos of

[illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]

it was in a [illegible] of Book case. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the

This is a complete list of the Books and [illegible]

Books & Pamphlets loaned by [illegible]. M. D.

× [illegible] Diseases of Women

× Meadows " " " " " "

Hewitt's " " " " " [illegible]

Churchill's " " " " "

× [illegible] of Diseases

× [illegible] of the [illegible] — returned

× [illegible] of [illegible].

× B[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

× [illegible] Uterine Diseases

[illegible] Symptomatology—returned

[illegible] [illegible] returned

× " [illegible] " [illegible] Compendium

× [illegible] Uterine Diseases

× [illegible] [illegible] & C[illegible]

× [illegible] & Surgical Treatment, by [illegible]

× C[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

× [illegible] [illegible]

× [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Ellen Roberts.

South Hadley, Feb 25

My dear Ellen:

I cannot tell you how much I was pleased to recieve a letter from you. You are indeed improving. The As Cs Es Fs Gs Hs Ks and Ms are written very well indeed and the others not badly. The L's too are quite good. the C's seem as if they wanted to reach the upper line, but did not quite succeed. So you have really begun to write letters, I hope you will write to me again soon and send

me another specimen, so that I
may know just how you get
along. You might write to your brother
John and to your aunt Laura or to
your grandmother or Caroline and
get them to answer you. I guess
you are improving with your
reading too, are you not? How do
you like your new book? Do you
find any very hard words, and
do you learn them all as you go
along? that is the best way you
know. Who hears you read, and do
you love to spell yet? How is your
Mother and the baby and your
Father and all the rest? Is your
Grandmother pretty well? Give

my love to her and Laura and all your folks. Who went to meeting last Saturday and who staid at home? Did father preach or did somebody else? If you cannot answer all these questions, you may answer some of them and let the rest go. Write again soon, as I want to know just how you get along. Good bye with much love,

Mary H. Everett.

Dear Jack, I think I must
write you a little gossip. We
have not told you that Gracie
now has a little sister about
3 weeks old, Gracie is as proud
of her as you please, she says
her name is Mary, but we will
call her Mamie! Gracie had
a long seige with Scarlet
fever, this winter but is in
hope to come out all
right at last. Mrs. [illegible]
is well, she has [illegible]
[illegible] very much, I have
had a great time with
[illegible] but trust that
its reign is most over.
The Health Board took it in
hand, but were so slow
that I lost my [illegible], much

a her regret to [illegible]
Johnny [illegible] been [illegible]
this week, [illegible]
a place to preach, [illegible]
[illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible]
so that you [illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible] you & nothing [illegible]
[illegible]
you can [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] March, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]
[illegible] year for me?
[illegible]

Don't let us worry about delay
in Frontispiece. It will be nice to
have it come out about the
Holidays, as people want to make
presents to each other then, and

usually they have some money
on hand at that time, do not
curtail too much on the scenery
we want the book *well* done in *the*
end. I am having more teaching
than I could expect, am sparing
myself all I can, but they drop in one after
another. I have had several new ones
Mrs. Mannice's, Mrs. Evans of 14th St.

(Private)

Private.

I am going to try to get along without calling on you for my money, till about the 2nd week in June, so as to have it for the next payment of rent & May be glad to get some from Jennie the 2nd week in July, for the next payment, then we can use what comes along to furnish the house as we can. This summer will be the toughest time for us, as the fall & winter are more favorable for renting rooms & also for practice. Perhaps it will be well

Mrs. Jones says she will lend us another $.50, till she is ready for it & [illegible] if we need it.

for ... to have $.50. of
my money if you can raise
it when Eddie comes down
for goods. as the spring is
the best time to buy furniture
So many are breaking
up & selling at a sacrifice
We have attended
several auctions & got
some things at a very
reasonable rate. Our
rent is $.158.33 per month
so if I leave $.150. of things for
the five fragrant men get ...
from Jennie for July. we may
get along. But Jennie let us
have another $.130. in Aug.
if we need it. I would

like something to fall back on if we have to till we are fairly started. –

The request I made in the other sheet was written for Lewis' benefit. Don't let him know that you have not to raise it all now. for I want him to borrow it elsewhere as you know he does not feel a debt which he owes Father. Now remember! I don't want that to come out of Father's pocket.

Burn this as soon as you read it. –

I have mislaid your last letter, but will delay this no longer to make further search. Will answer when I find it. or perhaps some of you had better ask the same questions again. Dont remember what was said about William's Symptoms. Expect to find the letter however. Dont think it is lost irrecoverably. Forgive me for delaying the answer so long, especially as it was your first letter after your [illegible]! Have been so very busy at the close of the term and nearly exhausted, Gave out completely after commencement and Slept & Slept. Am quite refreshed this Morn-

Spring term commences
today Mon. I shall not
confine myself so much
to the class as during
the regular term,
shall be with them
from 10 to 11 A.M.
Good bye with
bushels of love
Mary

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] yesterday. We had
a nice sail up the Hudson
to [illegible], a little further
than Pleasant Valley. Had
a fine ramble on hills
& under trees, camped on
the grass & ate our lunch
[illegible] was in a wet blanket all
the time nearly but with shawls
& waterproof had no chill, -

she is better today. will not dread her joining home so much now. They talk of going home next week. I shall miss them so much. Good bye with very much love from your dutiful daughter

May.

We are sending by this mail Mother's India ink portrait hoping you can proceed ~~now~~ with it now satisfactorily, and with all reason<u>able</u> speed. We are sorry it could not have been in your hands sooner, but trust our success, though slow, will be sure.

Is the light spot on left side of hair all right? When it first arrived, it looked so natural that sister Anna who is with me involuntarily put out her hand to smooth it down caressingly, and she feared afterwards that she might have done harm, but being too far from the artist in Athens, we have left it.

you to rectify if necessary
The cap border we would
like to look as if made
of soft net or lace, which-
ever you think would
look best. She wore
both & we think we would
prefer the net or illusion
I think the border should
be a trifle shorter at the
chin, but it would not
look like her if much
changed, as she seldom
wore a regular dress cap,
and always looked best
with the border rather
long below. Could the
bow be made a little less
stiff? The collar we would
like to represent lace.
If we can procure from
home one which she

were, & you would like it, we can send it to you. This is the usual shape & size, & there was nothing striking in style & settle this ~~this is shewed up in the back.~~ I requested the artist to fasten the collar with a small pin. The one he has made is like hers, but a little smaller in size. The dress is silk.

Her eyes were grey, and bright, sharp and kindly. The vermilion of under lip is not very sharply defined in this picture would it be best to bring it out more distinctly? Her lips were very soft & the under one quite (not very) full. She was of Welsh ancestry, born in Wales. was

strong, vigorous, bright, cheerful, hopeful and helpful, a good financier (which father was not) a grand Noble Christian woman, and a true devoted wife and mother.

Enclosed P. O. Order for $7. for Mrs. Elizabeth Everett or Miss E. Everett I suppose which from Mary E. Everett. Please let me know when it arrives. J. Brother's love to all.

Tues. Mom. No letter! I thought
1870's
I had schooled myself so that
I should not feel very badly,
but this foolish heart quivers
still. O dear! I wish I had
a different make up! My
last letter from home is
dated May 28th two weeks
yesterday. Not so very long perhaps,
as some folks write, but you
know how much care I have
for you all. How many times
have I written home during
these last two weeks? I
will try and not let my thoughts
run that way so constantly.
Am feeling some better. Took
electricity again last eve & it
did not prostrate me this time
but refreshed me rather.

Am going now to get a P. O. Order, as I am sure Jennie cannot wish me to make any purchases now & Jenny must have decided not to send butter to Mrs. Burdick, so there will be no more money to send with this. Shall take an order for $.7. & take the ~~[illegible]~~ 10cts to pay for it. Is that right? Please have some one send a card or something to let me know when it is received.

If I should get a letter tomorrow requesting me to get somethings for Jennie I will do so if they do not cost more than $.15. or $20.

Good bye with very much love from Mary

I wonder if Uncle Sam is at fault for not delivering the letters that [illegible] & me. Mrs. Milbank sends love & wants me to tell Jennie that she ought to send her sister a postal at least as often as three times a week; she [illegible] you [illegible] think so, dear? I deny [illegible] to take Mrs. M. to board [illegible] would be advisable & [illegible] would be too much care [illegible] would be coming after a while

We were so glad that Father went, as he had a good seat on the stage. Made the opening prayer and enjoyed the exercises very much. Seymour was there. Gen. Siegl and others. Not Grant or Hoffman. The assembly could not be accurately estimated but it was thought that there were from 3 to 6 thousand. and that the teams if close together would make a procession 3 miles long. It extended from the village to the grounds at one time but they were not close together. Then on Thos. Evan's road those who sought to avoid the crowd came thick & fast. It was difficult to tell on which road were the most. Then they poured in from western. N. Western Floyd. Trenton North Gage. Ninety Six &c. &c. Steuben never saw such a time. and everything was so orderly. Probably

from Mary 1873

few crowds of the size ever meet in such quiet order. We were all pretty tired the next day, except Father & Mother who seemed re=freshed, but glad that we went. Wm. P. Mrs. Nellie Holden & brother were down from Turin. Eddie could not come, was too busy in the store. I went up there last Sat. and remained till Monday. had a grand good visit. Eddie said he was going to write to you & send their likeness. You must make them a long visit when you come home. Dont work too hard this Month my dear, it is your first Summer South you know. Anna gained nicely when I first came home, took some cold June 1st which put her back, is better again today. She wants you to visit with her, but I am glad you are not here now. too busy, too busy.—